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Villagomez reportedly switches to GOP

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial says Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez will be his running mate in 2009, despite reports that Villagomez has switched to the NMI Republican Party.

"I am still running with him, and it won't be under the Republican Party," said Fitial, who broke away from the GOP and co-founded the Covenant Party in 2001.

Fitial

Villagomez

Rep. Ray Yumul told the media on Thursday that Villagomez and Department of Public Safety Commissioner Clyde Norita had registered as members of the local Republican Party to support his congressional bid. Yumul has now withdrawn from the delegate race.

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LAULAU ROAD REPAIR JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Department of Public Works Field Operations Supervisor Dennis Davis operates the road grader for the Laulau Bay Drive road repair project Thursday afternoon. The project was done in response to complaints by divers, tourists and residents about the terrible condition of the road that has long been neglected by the government. The repair started on Monday and will hopefully be done on Tuesday.

BY THE NUMBERS

Father's Day

The idea of Father's Day was conceived by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Wash., while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm. A day in June was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration—June 19, 1910, proclaimed by Spokane's mayor because it was the month of Smart's birth. The first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.

64.3 million: Estimated number of fathers across the nation.

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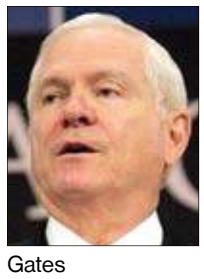
May's combat deaths in Afghanistan pass Iraq

By ROBERT BURNS
AP MILITARY WRITER

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—It's a grim gauge of U.S. wars going in opposite directions: American and allied combat deaths in Afghanistan in May passed the monthly toll in Iraq for the first time.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates used the statistical comparison to dramatize his point to NATO defense ministers that they need to do more to get Afghanistan moving in a better direction. He wants more allied combat troops, more trainers and more public commitment.


Gates

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Long-delayed Tinian road project begins

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial announced Friday that another long-delayed project will begin construction soon.

The Tinian Route 202 project, which calls for construction of nearly one mile of paved highway, will commence on Monday, June 16, 2008. The project will include improvements to the island's drainage system.

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OPINION METER

This week's poll:
On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the credibility of CUC's explanation for its power rate increases, 1 being equivalent to "highly questionable" and 10 equivalent to "totally credible"?

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Doris Mukabaa Marksohn is celebrating the fourth anniversary of her art gallery-cum-home.
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Town Flooded
The biggest flood Cedar Rapids has ever seen swamped more than 400 blocks Friday.
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Tim Russert, 58
Tim Russert, a political lifer who made a TV career of his passion, died of a heart attack Friday.
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Around the CNMI

BoG lauds Fitial's rapid action on CPA issue

Bank of Guam has praised Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for his decisive action in addressing the Commonwealth Ports Authority's financial problems.

The bank serves as trustee for the $20-million airport revenue bond issued by the ports authority. While the authority continues to make payments, and has reduced the bond amount to $17 million, it has failed to meet the bond's required debt ratio of 1.25.

Bank of Guam president and chief operating officer Lou Leon Guerrero said that CPA's action plan, as established by the governor's directives and applied by CPA management "reflect good faith efforts to get the airport on track" with compliance to the terms required by the bond indenture agreement.

"The governor's quick and aggressive decisions have made your management's corrective actions possible," Leon Guerrero said in a letter to CPA acting executive director Lee Cabrera.

"It is critical that you [stay] the course. Any attempts that will cause an interruption or delay in the action plan will be viewed by the [Bank of Guam], as trustee, as further violation and will leave the trustee no choice but to take the necessary recourse," she added.

Fitial, concerned that the bank might issue a notice of default and take over CPA, issued an executive order assuming control of the agency. The Commonwealth Ports Authority's board of directors had been unable to get a quorum for its meetings, making it impossible to take action on the bond issue. But the Legislature voted to reject the governor's action.

Still, CPA remains under the Governor's Office because the governor signed a separate order declaring the authority under a state of disaster emergency. The initial declaration had expired, and a 30-day extension was issued on Thursday. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***

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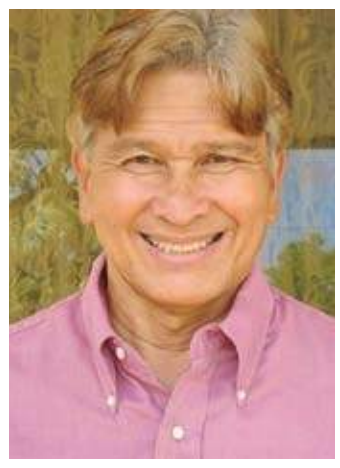

Happy Father's Day to our Dad, Dino Jones! We all love you very much! Greetings come from your family

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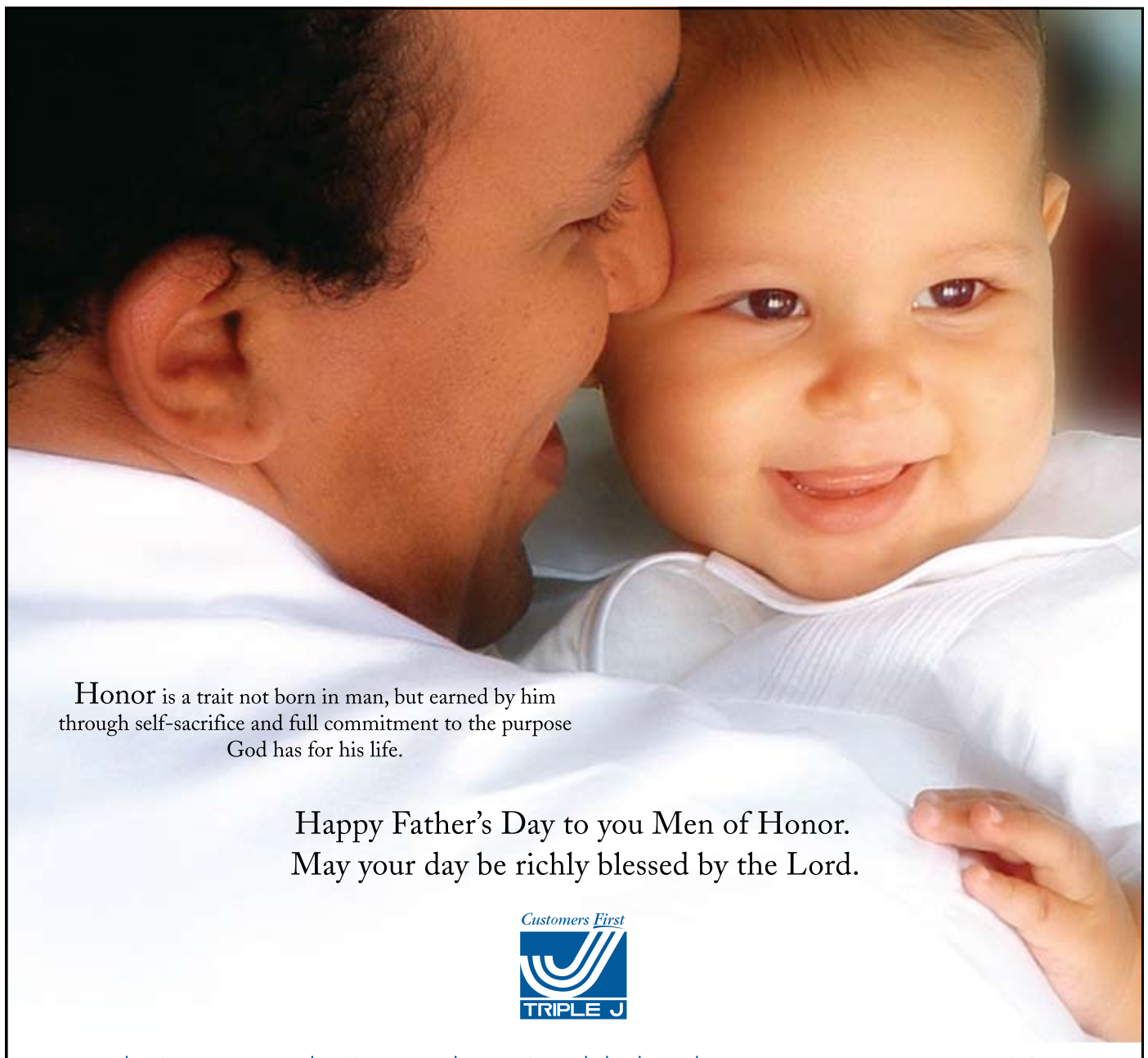
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

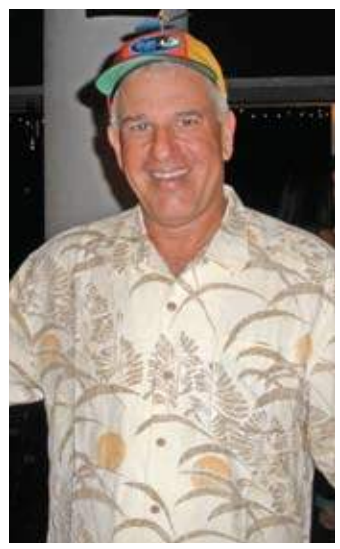
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF:	)	**FCD AD NO. 08-0310**
GEMMA KATHLEEN SIMMS (currently known as Kiana Rose Manglona)	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
By:	)	
MARY MELISSA LIM	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on June 26, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2008.

Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Belated happy birthday to John Jones, shown here celebrating his birthday at the 360 Restaurant on June 12, 2008. Greetings come from Pete Igitol and friends.

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Ayuyu to address SHRM meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management will have Jose C. Ayuyu, president and owner of McDonald's Saipan, speak to the Chapter on the "Simple Truths of Business Success" and the importance of a company's greatest assets, its human resources, during the group's upcoming meeting.

The Society will also be announcing the recipients for the 2008 CNMI Chapter Scholarship at the meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2008, from 11:30am to 1pm, at the Giovanni's Restaurant of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Members and guests are asked to bring their business card to this meeting to qualify to enter the raffle drawing. The Society will be raffling away some great prizes during this meeting.

Doors open at 11:15am for registration. Cost for Society members is $15 and $20 for non-SHRM members (government purchase orders accepted). Cost includes lunch.

Reservations are requested. Individuals interested in attending this meeting should contact the Denise Montenegro, HR Department, Hyatt Regency at phone number 234-1234, or Frannie T. Salas at e-mail francestsalas@gmail.com, or Polly Deleon Guerrero at e-mail pdlguerrero@mymarianas.com. ***(SHRM)***

Presentations set on marine monument study

On Tuesday, June 17, and Wednesday, June 18, Dr. Thomas Iverson, professor of Economics at the University of Guam, and Dr. John C. Salas, former Guam senator and president of UOG, will be visiting Saipan to present the preliminary results of an economic study identifying the costs and benefits of establishing a marine monument in the CNMI.

Presentations are scheduled with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, the Rotary Club of Saipan, Northern Marianas College's Current Issues summer session and MVA's Japan Adhoc Committee.

A public presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, from 6pm to 8pm at the American Memorial Park auditorium. The tentative schedule is:

Tuesday, June 17

9am – SCC Economic Development Committee

11:45am – Rotary Club

3:30pm – NMC, McPhetres Current Issues class

Wednesday, June 18

7am – Harry Blalock morning show – waiting on confirmation

10am – MVA Japan Ad Hoc

1:30pm – Legislature – waiting on confirmation

6-8pm – Public information presentation at AMP Auditorium

Dr. Iverson has been at the University of Guam since 1988, where he is currently a professor of Economics and executive director of the Sustainable Development Institute. He has specialized in the analysis of the impacts of tourism in Asia. Additionally, Dr. Iverson is a registered consultant with the Global Development Network, the Asian Development Bank, and Pacific Asia Tourism Pty. Ltd. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Texas, specializing in Labor, Government and Business, and

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Karidat anniversary dinner on June 20

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REPORTER

The Karidat Social Services has announced a new date for its 28th anniversary dinner, which will now take place on June 20 at the Aqua Resort & Spa.

According to Karidat executive director Angie V. Leon Guerrero, the anniversary dinner had been postponed at least twice until the Karidat board of directors finally decided to hold it next week as a sure thing.

The reason for the postponement, Leon Guerrero said, is that Karidat wants to make sure that its founder is well enough to attend.

This year, Karidat will be paying a special tribute to Bishop Tomas A. Camacho who founded the Karidat Social Service 28 years ago.

Camacho arrived from Hawaii two weeks ago after he successfully underwent surgery to remove a section of his lung that had been affected by cancer.

According to Dr. Mark Gratan, Camacho's cardiothoracic surgeon at the Straub Hospital in Honolulu, the lung cancer was at an early stage (Clinical Stage 1), with no clinical evidence of spread, "and it was completely removed."

Leon Guerrero said Camacho would be attending the anniversary dinner rescheduled for next week as "he is feeling much better now."

Camacho founded the nonprofit charitable organization 28 years ago to provide emergency food, shelter, and services to thousands of people in the Commonwealth.

Also this year, Camacho, who was ordained bishop in 1985, will be stepping down as the highest ranking prelate in the islands when he submits his resignation to Pope Benedict XVI once he turns 75 on Sept. 18, as mandated by Canon Law.

"The Bishop has given so much to the community over the years, and we want to honor him before he resigns," Leon Guerrero said.

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Houston, Texas for over Twenty-Five years.

Heinz bats for Kagman public park

A lawmaker has proposed creating a public park in Kagman.

Rep. Heinz Hofschneider introduced a bill designating a parcel of land as a public park to be known as the Kagman Arboretum and Community Park.

Hofschneider said the creation of a public park is in the public interest, as the Kagman homestead communities are rapidly growing. Kagman is projected, based on 4,000 homesteads and an average family size of five persons per family, to have a residential population of 20,000 within the next decade.

The property is a wetland and forested area bordering Kagman subdivisions I and II. It is located at the intersection of the Kagman Road and the crossroad to Santa Soledad Mission and the entrance to Kagman I, II, and III. The tract of land is a watershed area that is heavily forested with large mango trees and other hardwood trees.

"This tract of public land is ideal for an arboretum, a place for the study and enjoyment of the unique natural beauty of a limestone forest," he said. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***

'Fitial-Villagomez team still a go in 2009'

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Villagomez has not confirmed or denied his reported move to the GOP. "My family and I have always been associated with the Republican Party … [just as] we've always been with the Covenant Party," he said in a separate interview.

The lieutenant governor added that he would soon make an "announcement" about his political plans.

Meanwhile, local Republicans received Villagomez's return to the party with enthusiasm.

Ed Tenorio, president of the NMI Republican Party, said there is nothing extraordinary about the lieutenant governor's decision. "We have members who have run independent in the past. When we opened the registration for new members, everyone is welcome. Our focus is to make GOP a strong party," he said.

Rep. Diego Benavente also welcomed to the party his former rival for the lieutenant governor position. "The party is always open to new members coming in. Tim has always been successful in his political career, and the party could use his contributions," he said.

The Commonwealth will have a gubernatorial election in November 2009. Fitial has already announced that he would run. No other candidate has come out publicly about challenging Fitial's re-election bid. Those reportedly eyeing the position include former Gov. Juan N. Babauta, Rep. Heinz Hofschneider, Villagomez, and Benavente.

Route 202 construction work starts tomorrow

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The announcement comes a day after the governor reported the initiation of the Rota hemodialysis project. Contractors started building the new facility on Rota Thursday after three years of delay.

The Tinian road project had been in the works since 2004. It was placed on hold until recently, when the Department of Public Works, with the assistance of the newly created Governor's Capital Improvement Project Task Force, resolved pending issues and moved the project forward from the planning stage to the construction stage.

This project involves the reconstruction of Route 202, located in the village of San Jose, Tinian. The 4,932-feet highway will be a 24-feet wide, two-lane asphalt-paved roadway. The project begins at the intersection of Broadway and terminates at the entrance of the seaport.

The scope of the project consists of the preparation and installation of six-inch base course, 18-inch subbase course, 2 and ½ inch asphalt pavement, curb and gutters, concrete swales, pavement markers, traffic signs, five-foot pedestrian walkways on both sides, drainage manholes, catch basins, chain link fences, and six ponding basins. The project includes the installation and maintenance of erosion control measures during construction period and temporary traffic control plans to ensure that traffic progresses safely.

The government has awarded the project construction to Guam Pacific Power Corporation, and retained William S. Hofschneider, a consulting engineer, to serve as the project's construction manager. A project coordinator has also been assigned. This team will ensure construction performance, quality assurance and the timely completion of the project.

The project is expected to be completed within 270 working days, or by July 2009.

The total project cost, including design, construction and construction management, of the project is roughly $1.8 million, and it is funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

Fitial again praised DPW and the CIP Task Force for its efforts in making the reconstruction of Route 202, with drainage improvement, a reality. He also thanked FHWA for providing funds for the project.

"Once again, our DPW team has delivered another important project for our Commonwealth. I am proud of our DPW team and the leadership offered by Secretary Diego Songsong," Fitial said.

More combat deaths in Afghanistan than Iraq in May

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More positively, the May death totals point to security improvements in Iraq that few thought likely a year ago.

But the deterioration in Afghanistan suggests a troubling additional possibility: a widening of the war to Pakistan, where the Taliban and al-Qaida have found haven.

By the Pentagon's count, 15 U.S. and two allied troops were killed in action in Iraq last month, a total of 17. In Afghanistan it was 19, including 14 Americans and five coalition troops. One month does not make a trend, but in this case the statistics are so out of whack with perceptions of the two wars that Gates could use them to drive home his point about Afghanistan.

Even when non-combat deaths are included, the overall May toll was greater in Afghanistan than in Iraq: a total of 22 in Afghanistan, including 17 Americans, compared with 21 in Iraq, including 19 Americans, according to an Associated Press count.

The comparison is even more remarkable if you consider that there are about three times more U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq than in Afghanistan. Since the Iraq war began in March 2003, there have been just under 4,100 U.S. deaths - including more than 3,300 killed in action - according to the Pentagon's count. In the Afghan campaign, which began in October 2001, the U.S. death total is just over 500, including 313 killed in action.

"It's important that we live up to our pledges in both the civilian and military spheres as necessary for success in Afghanistan," Gates said Friday, concluding two days of NATO defense minister talks that produced few signs of optimism about the Afghan war.

Gates made a point upon taking his Pentagon post in December 2006, amid great and growing U.S. public doubt about Iraq, that he was deeply concerned about backsliding in the less publicized and less unpopular war in Afghanistan. He seems even more troubled now.

And he appears less patient with the allies, aware that much of the European population is unconvinced by the American argument that al-Qaida in Central Asia - whether it's Afghanistan, Pakistan or the largely ungoverned areas along their mountainous frontier - poses a grave danger to Europe as well as to the United States.

Gates said that when it came his turn to talk at Thursday's defense ministers meeting on Afghanistan he tossed aside the remarks his aides had prepared for him and stated his case as sharply and directly as he could.

"I told them my expectations are simple: I expect government decisions and actions to match government rhetoric," he said. It was then that he mentioned the May casualty figures. And he noted that since the NATO meetings got under way on Thursday, three more coalition troops - reportedly two from Britain and one from Romania - had been killed in Afghanistan.

In Afghanistan the United States has ceded overall command authority to a NATO-led force known as the International Security Assistance Force, although that force is led by an American general. In Iraq the military effort is overwhelmingly U.S., partnering with Iraqi forces.

NATO has no direct combat role in Iraq. In Afghanistan, several allies are taking a fighting role, but most have shied away, preferring to contribute in other ways such as humanitarian assistance.

The relatively low U.S. death toll in Iraq in May continues a trend of declining violence against Americans as well as Iraqi civilians, although the situation there remains fragile. If the trend continues - which is far from a certainty - then U.S. officials may decide to withdraw more U.S. troops in the second half of the year and perhaps beyond. That would enable the Pentagon to send more troops to Afghanistan - for combat and for training Afghan forces.

And that's just what the next president may have to do unless things begin turning around in Afghanistan.

MARINE

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Economic Development. With a wide range of interests, Dr. Iverson has consulted in Guam, Palau, Chuuk State and Pohnpei State (Federated States of Micronesia), and Bali. He is also the representative for Guam and Micronesia to the Asia Pacific Tourism Association.

Dr. Salas is a former Guam senator and president of UOG. Dr. Salas is currently a tenured Associate Professor of International Tourism in its School of Business and Public Administration. He has been a member of every educational board and commission throughout Micronesia during his 23-year career, and is well-known throughout the nations of the Western Pacific Islands.

FATHER'S

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REMEMBERING DAD

A good place to buy dad a tie or a shirt might be one of 8,685 men's clothing stores around the country (as of 2005).

Other items high on the list of Father's Day gifts are tools such as hammers, wrenches and screwdrivers. You could buy some of these items for dad at one of the nation's 14,257 hardware stores or 5,925 home centers (as of 2005).

23,195: Number of sporting goods stores in 2005. These stores are good places to purchase traditional gifts for dad, such as fishing rods and golf clubs.

More than 74 million Americans participated in a barbecue in the last year—it's probably safe to assume many of these barbecues took place on Father's Day.

MR. MOM

159,000: Estimated number of stay-at-home dads in 2006. These married fathers with children younger than 15 have remained out of the labor force for at least one year primarily so they can care for the family while their wives work outside the home. These fathers cared for 283,000 children. Among these stay-at-home dads, 60 percent had two or more children, and 40 percent had an annual family income of $50,000 or more.

25 percent: Among the nation's 11.3 million preschoolers whose mothers are employed, the percentage who are regularly cared for by their father during their mother's working hours. This amounted to 2.9 million children.

HOW MANY FATHERS?

26.5 million: Number of fathers who are part of married-couple families with children younger than 18 in 2006.

■ 22 percent are raising three or more children younger than 18 (among married-couple family households only).

■ 2 percent live in someone else's home.

2.5 million: Number of single fathers in 2006, up from 400,000 in 1970. Currently, among single parents living with their children, 19 percent are men.

■ 8 percent are raising three or more children younger than 18.

■ About 42 percent are divorced, 38 percent are never married, 16 percent are separated and 4 percent are widowed. (There is no significant difference between the percentages of single fathers who are divorced or never married.)

■ 16 percent live in someone else's home.

■ 27 percent have an annual family income of $50,000 or more.

85 percent: Among the 30.2 million fathers living with children younger than 18, the percentage who lived with their biological children only. In addition, 11 percent lived with stepchildren, 4 percent with adopted children and fewer than 1 percent with foster children.

CHILD-SUPPORT PAYMENTS

31 percent: Percentage of custodial fathers who were due child support. They numbered 678,000.

$2.4 billion: Amount of child support received by custodial fathers in 2005; they were due $3.3 billion. In contrast, custodial mothers received $22.4 billion of the $34.7 billion in support that was due.

43 percent: Percentage of custodial fathers who received all child support that was due, not significantly different from the corresponding percentage for custodial mothers. Fathers received an average of $6,210 in child support in 2005, compared with $5,981 for mothers. (These figures are not statistically different from one another.)

36 percent: Percentage of custodial fathers with child support agreements or awards.

72 percent: Percentage of custodial fathers receiving noncash support, such as gifts or coverage of expenses, on behalf of their children. The corresponding proportion for mothers was 59 percent.

DINING WITH DADDY

30 percent: Percentage of children younger than 6 living with married parents in 2003 who ate breakfast with their fathers every day. The corresponding number for children living with unmarried fathers was 41 percent.

64 percent: Percentage of children younger than 6 living with married parents who ate dinner with their fathers every day. The corresponding number for children living with unmarried fathers was 66 percent.

KIND WORDS FROM DAD

63 percent: Percentage of children younger than 6 living with married parents who were praised three or more times a day by their fathers. The corresponding number for children living with unmarried fathers was 57 percent.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Benedetto: Pursuing small claims a waste of time

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Federal Ombudsman Jim Benedetto said yesterday that alien workers may just be wasting their time in filing small claims against employers who abandoned their workers and left the CNMI without leaving any assets.

Benedetto told *Saipan Tribune* that if the employers fled from CNMI without leaving any assets and a labor bond for each worker, and didn't have a bond on file with the government, then pursuing small claims action "will likely be a waste of time."

He said the workers would simply get another piece of paper saying they are owed money, without any hope of collecting it.

"Unfortunately, as we all know, sometimes people get cheated, and there simply is no effective legal remedy for them to be made whole," said Benedetto in an e-mail.

Labor personnel were recently at the Sugar King Park Roundhouse in Garapan where they assisted hundreds of alien workers and gave them small claim packets on how they can proceed to court and collect their administrative orders.

Labor also provided the workers the names of bonding companies.

Some alien workers who heeded Labor's advice to file small claims to collect their administrative awards backed out upon learning it would be their responsibility to serve their complaints to their previous employers. They said it is useless to pay a $20 filing fee because their previous employers are no longer in the Commonwealth.

The Superior Court is charging $20 for small claims of $500 or less; $30 for $501 to $2,000; and $40 to $2,000 to $3,000.

Benedetto said that if the employer has no assets to go after, then it should be determined whether there was a labor bond on file for that worker during the time when the wages were not paid.

He said it should be determined whether the Department of Labor issued a "notice of potential claim" to the bonding company to alert them that they might be on the hook for an employer's failure to pay the wages.

"If no notice of appeal claim was issued, the terms of the labor bond may prevent a successful action against the bonding company," he said.

If the bonding company did receive notice of potential claim, Benedetto said, it may be possible to collect the back wages from them.

Benedetto stressed that businesses owned by foreign investors are supposed to have had a sizeable bond on deposit with the Commonwealth government to ensure against them leaving unsatisfied debts behind.

"We should also check to see if the worker can recover against that bond," he pointed out.

The ombudsman said whether a worker will benefit from filing a small claims action is a question that needs to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

"In my view, we first need to identify which employers who owe money are still on island, in possession of assets that could satisfy some or all of the judgments against them," he noted.

If the employers are here and have assets, Benedetto said, then small claims may be a good option for those who are owed less than the jurisdictional limit in small claims court.

He said if the worker is owed more than the limit they can collect in small claims court, they might consider going to one of the private attorneys who do collection actions such as Michael White or Joshua Berger, who can file an action in court for the full amount.

"Labor has been working administratively to bar employers who haven't satisfied the judgments against them, and this is one of the most effective actions they could take at this time," he said.

Benedetto said if an employer is still in the CNMI and still operating a business, Labor will notify that employer that the administrative order has not been satisfied, and give him or her 10 days to satisfy the judgment.

If the employer fails to do so, he added, Labor will cancel all the employer's pending applications for foreign workers, revoke all his or her current work permits and bar him or her from hiring any foreign workers in the future.

Palau's Toribiong, Kerai arrive today

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REPORTER

Palau Ambassador to Taiwan Johnson Toribiong and his running mate, Sen. Kerai Mariur, will be arriving today to hold a campaign rally as part of this year's Palau general election.

Toribiong and Mariur's campaign rally will be held today at 1pm at the Minachom Atdao.

Palau Vice President and Minister of Justice Elias Camsek Chin and his running mate, Rep. Alan Seid, arrived Thursday to hold their own campaign rally, which was held Friday night at the Minachom Atdao.

Chin and Seid are scheduled to leave today, while Toribiong and Kerai arrive at 11:30am.

Aileen Kintol, of the Republic of Palau Consulate, said there are approximately 1,000 Palauan voters in the CNMI.

Primary election will be held in September while the general election will be held in November 2008.

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EDITORIAL

The justices' refrain

The Supreme Court ruling Thursday that those held at Guantanamo Bay have a constitutional right to challenge their detentions in federal court is a welcome victory for due process and the rule of law. It completes a signal and totally avoidable failure by President Bush, who will leave office with the nation's regime for holding al-Qaida combatants in shambles. And it leaves unanswered many questions that will undoubtedly trigger more litigation.

A 5 to 4 majority of the court correctly concluded that habeas corpus, the ancient right to contest one's detention, extends to those held at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay. Although it only leases the property from Cuba, the United States exerts complete legal and military control over the base; those held there have nowhere to challenge their detentions other than U.S. courts. To have forbidden the detainees access to those courts would have left the executive branch almost unfettered power to hold people indefinitely — a proposition that is untenable. "To hold that the political branches may switch the Constitution on or off at will," wrote Justice Anthony M. Kennedy for the majority, "would lead to a regime in which they, not this Court, say 'what the law is.' "

The court wisely limited its holding only to detainees at Guantanamo; it left open the question of whether noncitizens held elsewhere outside the United States were entitled to such protections. The court also rightly held that, as currently configured, tribunals designed to determine whether detainees qualify as "enemy combatants" cannot constitutionally serve as substitutes for habeas corpus hearings in federal court because they essentially make a mockery of detainees' ability to rebut government charges. And it made clear that the 37 detainees who brought the case should not have to wait any longer. "While some delay in fashioning new procedures is unavoidable," Justice Kennedy wrote, "the costs of delay can no longer be borne by those who are held in custody."

Yet the court's 70-page majority opinion leaves many questions unanswered. While it took the extraordinary step of invalidating the process sanctioned by Congress and the executive to govern detention at Guantanamo, the majority offered only general and indirect guidance about what such a process would have to include to pass constitutional muster. By their own account, the justices also did not address the underlying legal basis for holding the prisoners as "enemy combatants," rather than as prisoners of war or suspects charged with crimes.

Bush suggested Thursday that he may propose — again — legislation to enable the detention of foreign suspects without charge. It's not clear whether Congress can be moved to act before the upcoming election — but sooner or later, lawmakers must fix this mess. If al-Qaida militants and other foreign terrorism suspects are to be held outside the U.S. justice system, they must be granted robust rights, including access to civilian lawyers and judges and the ability to challenge the evidence against them. Only in the most extreme cases should prisoners be held indefinitely without charge or trial, and then only with regular judicial review. It's time that Congress absorb the lesson that the Supreme Court has repeatedly imparted: The war on terrorism cannot invalidate the rule of law.

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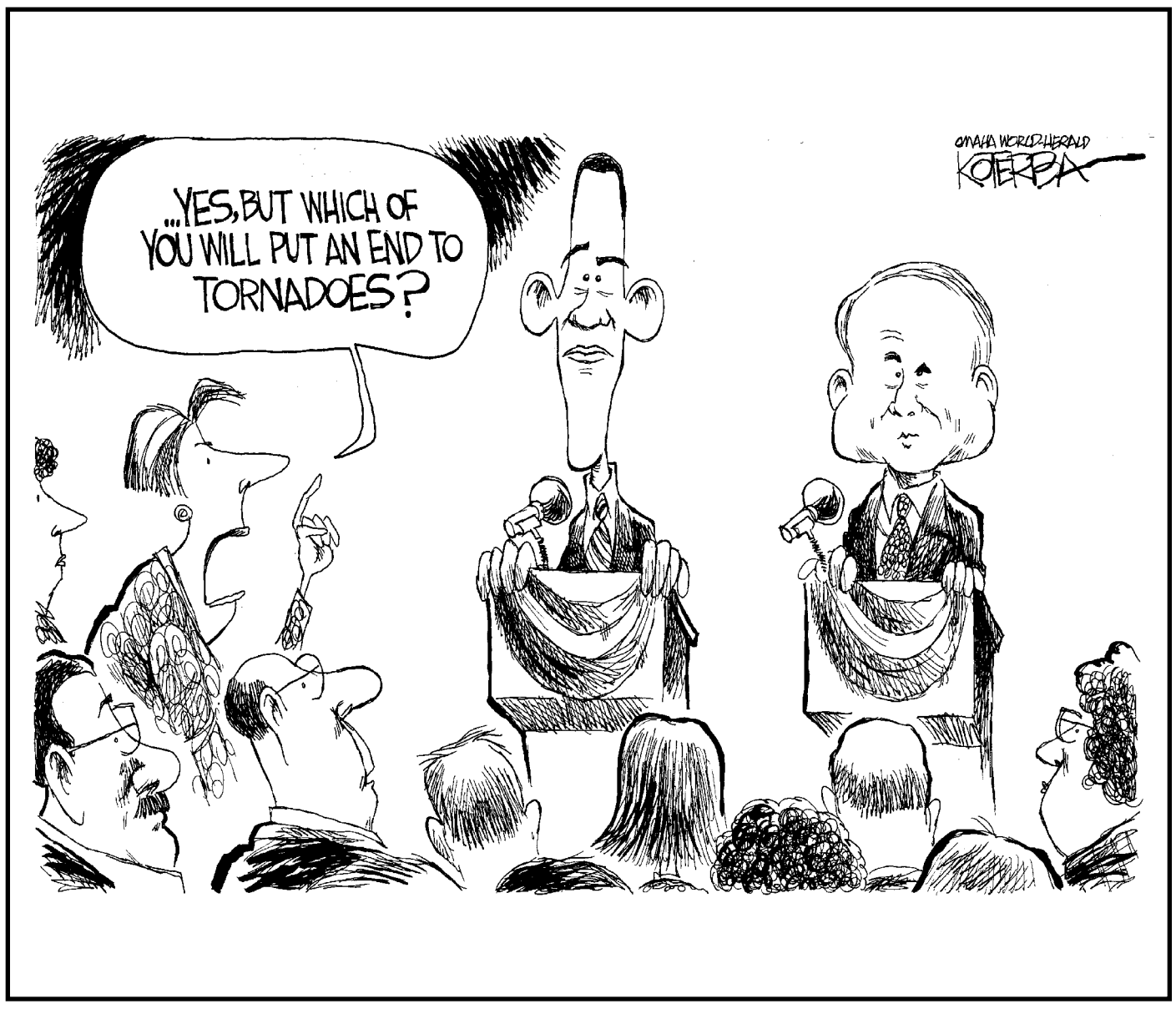

A convicted murderer's Father's Day ponderings on guilt and forgiveness

By CHRISTOPHER ADAMS
SPECIAL TO THE HARTFORD COURANT

Despite my father's good example, I killed a man. To this day, I do not see myself as a murderer, but I do not see myself as innocent, either.

The death of a man at one's own hand weighs heavily on the soul. If those hands are the product of a cold heart, then that person is as cold-hearted as the term murderer implies. But if the life was taken in heat, without any premeditation and with immediate regret and remorse, the bearing of that weight is like Atlas trying to support the Earth and heavens above—with the grief of having done the unspeakable. I am no Atlas; I pray that my shoulders can be broadened as I continue to carry the weight of the unbearable.

I have sought forgiveness from every quarter: the victim's family, my family and God. Being in prison is a way for me to ask society to forgive me. I have yet to succeed.

A father looks into the eyes of an incarcerated son and sees someone he does not recognize or fears to recognize. He sees his son's transgression—and imagines his own failings.

An incarcerated son, visited by his father, sees everything he could have been and more. All of life's lessons taught by a father begin to make perfect sense.

I saw this look in my own father's red, tear-filled eyes as we sat across from each other in the prison's visiting room. That was 15 years ago, and time has not dulled the pain of that day.

My parents are hardworking, unassuming, unpretentious, wholly respectable.

I was born and raised in Bridgeport, Conn.; it is the world I know. I hope to return one day to lift my father's spirits, restore some dignity to my family and help rebuild the community. The things I have harmed are the things that I want to help, to mend.

I will return to Bridgeport armed with an education and a sense of purpose that will allow me to turn away from the negative aspects of life.

Fifteen years ago, being all too human, I was attracted to the negative goings-on of the world around me. I was not merely fascinated by them, I needed to experience them firsthand: drugs, guns, robberies; they all held sway over me. I had to become part of that world, and to do so I had to leave behind all the good things my parents worked so hard to provide.

I don't ever remember receiving any verbal cues from my father as far as life lessons when I was a child. I don't remember any moments when he sat me down to deliver pearls of wisdom or profound anecdotes.

Rather, my brothers and I were to emulate his behavior; we were supposed to do as he did, and become men by working hard, supporting our families, coming home to a wife and children every night, spending time with them, taking care of repairs around the home, owning up to responsibilities and not taking short cuts. This list goes on. That's what we learned from my father who never expressly said those things, but, through his steadfast, unassuming ways, showed us what was expected and right.

This all comes to me in sadness, along with the moments that haunt me. One in particular is the day he came to visit me in prison; one of the worst days of my life. It was the first time since I was incarcerated that he came to see me just by himself. Usually my mother visited with at least one other member of the family. No one ever came alone.

On that day, through the three inches of Plexiglas that divided us, my father stared at me and I stared at him. I picked up the phone-receiver and he picked up his. At first, nothing was said. It was his actions that conveyed his message: those hands that I had long thought were as strong as a vise-grip tool, they trembled; his strong, stern face looked weary and sullen. The tears from his eyes spoke volumes.

"What is it like in there?" he asked when he was able to speak.

"Not good; I want to come home." I could hear myself sounding like a child. Whatever I had thought of myself before that day, whatever "manly" things I had done, I realized in that moment that I was my father's child, still. I was his son, his wayward son—the son who had departed from the path he had shown.

"Boy, did you do it?" my father asked in his stern, fatherly voice.

"Yes, dad, I did it." I said in my child voice.

There was a silence I can still hear.

If it wasn't for the partition that separated us, I would have thrown myself at my father's feet. I would have begged for forgiveness. I would have begged to have my childhood back.

Adams, guilty of felony murder, is completing a 25-year sentence at Webster Correctional Institution in Cheshire, Conn., and participates in an outreach program by Quinnipiac University.

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Fatherhood: The dirtiest, most necessary job

By TA-NEHISI COATES
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

When I was young, I lived in a modest rowhouse in the slope of West Baltimore's Tioga Parkway. There were three bedrooms and two bathrooms (but only one that any of us bothered to use). Out back there was a terrace with a rotting balcony. I almost died out there one day—leaning against the crumbling wood, I tumbled headlong when it gave way, but caught myself on the small back-door roof and fell, luckily, feet-first to the ground. My neighborhood was an enclave in a city under siege. These were the Reaganomics years—crack cocaine filled the air, and the only refuge was the latest offering from the hip-hop pioneer Rakim. Among the many plagues that assaulted us—the sweep of HIV, the flood of Saturday Night Specials, teen pregnancy's shocking ascent—nothing laid us low like the vanishing of fathers.

The vacuum was acute and persistent, made clearest by the lack of pressure on most of my school friends. Their mothers worked constantly, came home dog-tired, and tried to parent in between. The result was summer school, truancy and the crudest understanding of the opposite sex. Fights bloomed over nothing, because so many of us had no other model of manhood to emulate, nothing beyond the final demand of America's walking lowest rung—respect. If my crew consisted of 10 beautiful big-eyed boys, three of us didn't know who our fathers were, three more hadn't seen theirs in years, another three would see theirs on the occasional whim, and one would be the rebel blessed, with a father in the home—for good or for ill.

I was that one, and my father, flawed in the manner of all those cursed with opposable thumbs, was more than a presence. Judged against the void of paternity around us, he was fanatical. This was as much by choice as by chance—I was the sixth of seven kids born to four women. Some of us were born to mothers who were best friends. Some of us were born in the same year. It was all a tangled mess on paper, but measured against "Family Ties" or even "The Cosby Show," it was love, and it formed my earliest and most enduring sense of family.

We were not allowed to refer to each other with the prefix "half" (as in "half-brother" or "half-sister"), as Dad always told us that the half gets in the way, and when the mother of one spoke, it was law, as sure as if the mothers of all were speaking at once. My father emerged from a particular archetypal experience. He grew up poor in the hovels of West Philadelphia, went off to Vietnam flush with John Wayne fantasies and came back radicalized by the great unwinnable war. He joined the Black Panther Party, and although he ultimately became disillusioned and left it, the notion of dying for your country, of living for something more than yourself, stuck with him, and will stick with him until the end of his days. He manifested that belief through Black Classic Press, the business he founded in 1978, which specialized in reprinting the obscure works of black authors and lay historians who recorded black Americans' experiences at a time when much of the country thought that we had none.

But Dad's belief in and commitment to the black community were made most evident in the only way that ultimately matters—in grinding, thankless dedication to his children. Though I make the situation sound its worst, it must be said that there are too many paeans to fatherhood, too many overwrought accolades for what is, at its root, a dirty job. My father approached his duties with the attitude of Emerson—"Your goodness must have some edge to it, else it is none"—and showing his edge was what he specialized in. He sent us out early in the morning to cut the lawn with a push mower. He made us work for his business and paid us less than minimum wage. He showed up at fifth period in my high school, sat in class and embarrassed me in front of my buddies whenever I was acting out. And like all fathers of that era, when the need was extreme, he reached for the black leather belt. My father's mantra was simple: "I am not here to be your friend. I am here to get you through and into college—alive, healthy and whole."

His methods were unconventional. I can see him now, sitting in his easy chair, his glasses pulled low on his nose, reading to me from Booker T. Washington's "Up From Slavery." He worked on Christmas and other holidays. He made us fast on Thanksgiving and meditate on the horror of gluttony and the great tragedy of Manifest Destiny. He would drive us through the city streets with the local NPR station playing on the radio, asking us what we thought about the topic of the day, debating with us, coming at us from all sorts of angles.

Once, one of my older brothers and I broke his bed while doing our finest imitation of the wrestlers Dusty Rhodes and Ric Flair. We tried our best to reset the wood, hoping that Dad wouldn't notice. He got home late that night, and when he finally pulled from us what had happened, he put us out in the backyard and told us to wrestle. Then he went to bed. My mother came out an hour or so later and let us back in.

My father was hard core, and like all children I rebelled—staying out past curfew, stumbling home with Mad Dog 20/20, the cheapest alcohol we could find, on my breath. My friends and I knew about the danger out there, just as he did, but mostly I was obsessed with defining myself through exploration and whatever I wanted at any random moment. I never got his message about school, and it took some time for me to understand what I'd really squandered in those 12 years of waste.

When I think of my father, I think of a dynamic, tyrannical consistency. He cut his children off at every pass, and his message was terrifying: "I am bigger than you, stronger than you and smarter than you. I will win." We felt a constant pressure, a pervading sense that ending up as a nothing corner-boy was not an option. We lived by a kind of Bushido that simply held: Be somebody or die.

So much has changed since those days. The streets are, as they always were, marked by peril. But the murder rate has fallen, and Magic Johnson is still alive. And yet in the homes of so many black children, the father is still invisible. I don't want to slip into the lazy mythology of Ward Cleaver and the vanishing nuclear family. What's done is done, and as we move forward, families will no longer be what they were. So many fathers—unable to be breadwinners, frustrated with the mothers of their children—simply check out. But in these times, we must remember the core of fatherhood: that it is nasty work, that it is the dark art of manipulating children into striving for their higher selves, and that it will be many years before the children themselves see that this was best.

It's my turn now, and my own 8-year-old son is reaching for adolescence. Already, he is whipping out tricks that I minted in middle school that my father and his father had patented years earlier. I like to think that I am relentless too, and if not, that I can at least project the illusion of this to my son, to make him believe, as I once did, that there is no shortcut, that there is no way out, that I will always win.

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Looking far outside the vice presidential box

By JIM SHEA
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So now the question is, who's going to be Barack Obama's running mate?

Hillary, of course, is in the mix, her strength being her appeal to women and working-class voters. But with Hill comes Bill, and let's face it, old Bubba has kind of morphed into a loose-lipped cannon.

Then there is the question of what Bill's title would be. If the president's wife is the first lady, then it follows that the veep's wife would be the second lady, or in Bill's case, the second man. And you just know that Bill is not going to transition well from being "The Man" to being "The Second Man."

Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd is another possibility, although you would have to consider him a long shot given his current hairstyle, which screams first-term Iowa congressman.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson has a lot of support because he is Hispanic, and Obama needs the Hispanic vote. But outside of political junkies, how many people know Richardson is Hispanic? I mean, he has one of those names that sounds like his ancestors came over on the Mayflower.

Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill are the main women-no-one-has-ever-heard-of alternatives to Hillary, which doesn't seem like a selling point. A third option is a newcomer to national politics, Gina Gershon.

Rounding out the Democrats' shaky lineup are Virginia Sen. Jim Webb (too intense), retired Gen. Wesley Clark (too neat) and Delaware Sen. Joe Biden (Hair Club for Men).

That leaves former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley (team Obama already has an outside shooter), and Al Gore's former running mate, Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman (good one, huh?).

Given the weakness of this field, what Obama needs to do is to begin looking outside of the professional political class for a No. 2. Here are five people who should be on his short list.

Bill Belichick: If John McCain is going to make the campaign about Iraq and terrorism, then Obama needs a sidekick with strong national security credentials. And who better than the New England Patriots' coach, who besides being a defensive genius is also a proven expert in gathering covert intelligence.

Angelina Jolie: Not only would Jolie's international experience be helpful (goodwill ambassador, Cannes Film Festival), but so, too, would her presence in the vice presidential debates. Male voters would not hear a word her opponent said.

George Clooney: Get out of town, Obama and Clooney, someone get me a cold compress. This would be the suavest pairing in the history of the tuxedo.

Joe Six Pack: What better way to bond with the working-class voters he had trouble attracting in the primaries than for Obama to put a blue-collar, ten-pin bowling, whiskey-drinking ordinary guy on the ticket—or Hillary.

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Guiding Dad

DON'T GET ME STARTED

By KEVIN COWHERD
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I see where one of the hot gifts for Father's Day is a GPS navigation device because, well, you know how Dad is when it comes to directions.

The big guy is kind of clueless, right?

He gets behind the wheel and he just sort of drives and drives with this vacant look, listening to the wind rush through his ears.

And he's always getting lost. Because in addition to being clueless, he's stubborn and won't ask anyone for help.

Nope, he'll just keep driving and driving no matter how lost he gets until he drives smack into the ocean.

And only then will he realize he took a wrong turn somewhere, probably a couple thousand miles back.

So buy the poor guy a GPS unit and put him out of his misery, right?

Hey, thanks. As a card-carrying father of three, let me say how much we dads appreciate being stereotyped like that.

Look, why not buy us a new remote to replace the one that burned out while we're lying on the couch all day, clicking between ESPN and the Golf Channel?

Or why not buy us some more beer, since we're always getting loaded anyhow?

Or why not spring for some surgery for that major snoring problem we all have?

(Then again, you'd snore, too, if all you did was lie on the couch all day, watching TV and getting loaded.)

A little defensive about being a dad?

Sorry. It's just that every time Father's Day rolls around, I cringe over the way dads are depicted in our popular culture.

We're all clowns or buffoons or incompetents, to judge by how we're portrayed.

We get beat up 365 days a year in TV commercials and sitcoms and stupid Hollywood movies that star Steve Carell or Will Ferrell as bumbling mopes who should never be allowed to procreate.

Then when Father's Day approaches, we're treated to a nationwide condescending attitude that goes like this: "Oh, Dad's not that bad. He's kind of dumb, but he means well. Make sure you get the big lug something nice for his special day."

Gee, um, thanks, America.

If you're a devoted, conscientious dad, you have to love the new Hallmark Father's Day card with Chris Rock on the front proclaiming: "Nobody ever says, `Hey, Daddy, thanks for knocking out this rent. I sure love this hot water. It's easy to read with all this light.' "

Then inside it says: "Once a year maybe. Happy Father's Day."

Is that beautiful or what?

Does that say it all if you're a dad these days?

A dad who loves his kids and is selfless, hard-working, wants only the best for his family, etc.?

A dad who's tired of getting dissed by the media, tired of having all modern dads portrayed as the logical successor to Homer Simpson and the fat lump on "Family Guy"?

Yep, it really does.

Getting back to the GPS, I can't understand why the stores are pushing these things for Father's Day, anyway.

Because here's a news flash for you: Dad isn't going anywhere this summer.

At least not in his car.

He isn't going anywhere because he can't afford to, on account of the sky-high price of gas.

So I would hold off on the Garmins and TomToms and Magellens for the big guy if I were you.

In fact, if you really want to get him something he'll use, buy him some gas.

Pump it yourself, too. That's always a nice touch.

And, look, you can always hold off on that GPS system, maybe give it to the big guy for Christmas.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Yap	Cloudy	▲86	▼76
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲86	▼74
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼75

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲65	▼53
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼68
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼81
Honolulu	Cloudy	▲82	▼74
London	Showers	▲64	▼50
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲80	▼60
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
New York	Cloudy	▲84	▼66
Osaka	Cloudy	▲73	▼63
Paris	Showers	▲68	▼51
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲71	▼63
Rome	Cloudy	▲74	▼56
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼46
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼51
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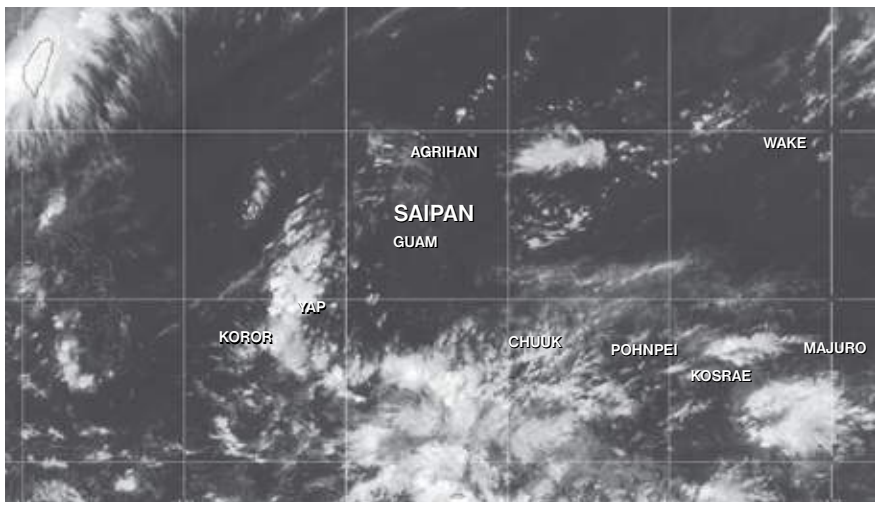
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲73	▼61
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲86	▼68

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 8N130E to a weak circulation centered near 6N141E then southeastward to 1N149E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring from southeast of Yap to south of Chuuk between the equator and 7N from 140E to 155E. A surface trough extends northward from the circulation at 6N141E to 14N137E and an upper-level trough runs from 11N130E through an upper low centered at 16N133E to 21N139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with these features are found in the area bounded by Koror to 17N137E to Yap back to Koror. A weak surface trough extends from EQ166E to 5N166E. Low-level convergence near and east of the trough is producing scattered showers in the area bounded by EQ165E to 8N161E to 8N166E to 3N173E back to EQ165E including Kosrae. An upper-level trough stretches from 16N148E to an upper low near 15N153E to 19N173E to 25N177E. isolated thunderstorms associated with this feature are found from east of the Marianas to north of Wake Island and beyond in the area bounded by 12N149E to 20N150E to 25N169E to 25N180 to 21N180 to 19N163E back to 12N149E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
4:15AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:56AM Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:12PM Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
11:55PM Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:47AM	6:49 PM
Wednesday	5:47AM	6:49 PM
Thursday	5:47AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:56PM	2:44AM
Monday	4:48PM	3:26AM
Tuesday	5:40PM	4:10AM
Wednesday	6:32PM	4:59AM
Thursday	7:23PM	5:50AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota			
CO 9313	8:30am	9:05am	3,4,7
Saipan-Guam			
CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9597	8:30am	9:20am	1,2,5,6
CO9313	8:30am	10:00am	3,4,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily
Saipan-Narita			
NW 078	8:55am	2:00pm	Daily via Nagoya
NW 075	4:45pm	7:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Osaka			
NW 083	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily
Saipan-Nagoya			
NW 078	8:55am	11:35am	Daily
Saipan-Manila			
CO 895	4:45pm	6:35pm	6
CO 895	6:45pm	8:35pm	3
Saipan-Seoul			
OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7
Saipan-Busan			
OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,4,5,7
Guam-Manila			
CO 891	6:00am	10:30am	3 via Yap and Koror
CO 893	6:30am	8:05am	6
CO 893	8:25am	10:00am	2,7
CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7
Saipan-Guanzhou			
CZ 3008	5:00am	8:00am	2,6
Guam-Hongkong			
CO 909	6:40pm	9:25pm	1,5
Guam-Rota			
CO 9598	10:15am	10:45am	1,2,6

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan			
CO 9598	11:10am	11:45am	1,2,6
Guam-Saipan			
CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9598	10:15am	11:45am	1,2,6 via Rota
CO9600	10:45am	11:35am	3,4,5,7
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
Narita-Saipan			
NW 076	10:15am	2:55pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:30am+1	Daily via Nagoya
Osaka-Saipan			
NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
Nagoya-Saipan			
NW 077	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily
Manila-Saipan			
CO 890	9:15am	2:55pm	6
CO 890	11:45am	5:35pm	3
Seoul-Saipan			
OZ 605	9:00am	2:30pm	2,4,6,7
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6
Busan-Saipan			
OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	3,4,6,7
Manila-Guam			
CO 894	11:20am	4:55pm	2,7
CO 894	7:45pm	1:20am+1	6
CO 892	9:45pm	6:30am+1	3 via Koror and Yap
CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:20pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7
Guanzhou-Saipan			
CZ 3007	8:00pm	4:00am+1	1,5
Hongkong-Guam			
CO 910	10:35pm	5:15am+1	1,5
Rota-Guam			
CO 9313	9:30am	10:00am	3,4,7

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Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
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FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am
Monday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm
Saturday: 6am and 6pm

Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish
Wednesday Mass: 6pm
First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm
Saturday Mass: 6pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am

Saint Jude Parish
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm

San Antonio Parish
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Tuesday and Friday: 6pm

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6pm

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am and 10am
Monday-Wednesday: 7pm
Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Sunday: 6am and 7:30am
Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 9am
Wednesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10:30am

San Vicente Parish
Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6pm

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10am-Baptism

Santa Soledad
Sunday: 7:30am

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Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm
Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Worship/Study Opportunities
Adult Sunday School: 9am
Youth Sunday School: 9am
English Worship Service Sunday: 10am
Sunday Service: 5:30pm
Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm
Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm
Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm;
Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm
Mid-week Service: 7:30pm
Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm
Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm
Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau,
Call 235-0545 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Worship Service: 9am
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am
Sunday: 7am
Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm
Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (English)
Saturday: 5:30am (Tagalog); 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church Koblerville
Sunday Services
9:00 AM
Place of the church-next to Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Chalan Kanoa Dr. • Tel: 322-6158
Pastor JJ Matsumoto

Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
English Service: 9-11am, Sunday
Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 8:20am
Sunday Adult: 10am
Sunday Adult: 11:30am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided)
Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620

Saipan Bible Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30-10am
Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 6pm
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church
(Formerly Saipan Baptist Church)
Afetna St., San Antonio

Sunday		
	9am	Sunday school
	10am	Regular worship
	6pm	worship
Wednesday		
	7pm	worship

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.

Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries

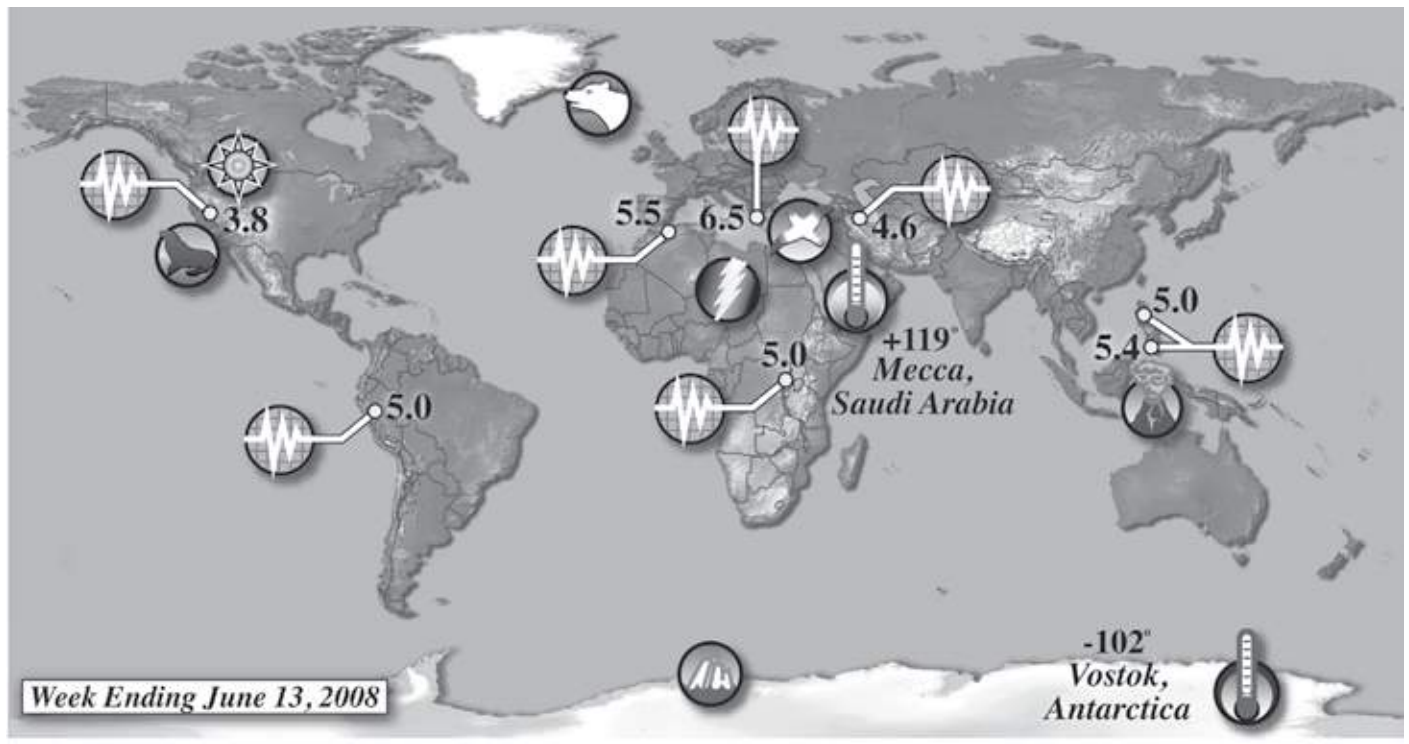
Sunday	5:30am-6:30am	
Morning prayer		
	7am-9am	English service
	7am-9am	Sunday school
	10am-12noon	English service, Koblerville
Wednesday	7pm-9pm	Prayer meeting
Saturday	7pm-9pm	Tagalog service

Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By STEVE NEWMAN



Sunspot Drought

Space scientists are scratching their head, trying to explain why the sun remains eerily quiet despite being at a time when sunspots should be becoming more frequent. The sun passed the low point of its 11-year cycle of sunspot activity last year. The first sunspot of the new cycle was spotted in January, but solar observers say our star has been almost free of such activity since then. ìIt continues to be dead,î said Saku Tsuneta with Japanís National Astronomical Observatory while attending a solar conference in Montana. Scientists there said they donít believe the lack of sunspots means that an event known as the Maunder minimum is beginning. That phenomenon produced a lack of sunspots for 50 years in the 17th century, resulting in what is referred to as the ìLittle Ice Age.î This cycle is just simply ìoff to a slow start,î said NASA physicist David Hathaway.

Illuminating Darkest Africa

Legislators from several African nations heard a proposal to develop a network of solar power stations across the Sahara, which would be capable of providing electricity to the continentís 600 million citizens currently without power. A representative of the Trans-Mediterranean Renewable Energy Cooperation (TREC) told the gathering in Nairobi that the project could even provide excess capacity to the European power grid. TREC proposes establishing concentrating solar thermal power stations across North Africa in conjunction with wind, biomass, geothermal and hydro generation on each side of the Mediterranean. Solar plants built near the coast could also remove salt from seawater as a byproduct of the process.

Cypriot Bird Slaughter

An international bird conservation group reports that more than 1 million migratory birds were illegally trapped and killed in Cyprus during the past year to be served up as local delicacies. Birdlife Cyprus says the birds were indiscriminately killed in nets or on sticks dipped in sticky lime. Songbirds are a popular dish on the Mediterranean island, which lies on a key migratory route. Diners often pay up to $7 per fried or grilled bird at restaurants that ignore Cyprusí ban on the killing and selling of wild birds. Birdlife says birds are often lured into the nets and traps by songbird recordings, and suffer a lingering and painful deaths.

Earthquakes

A strong quake that rocked Greeceís Peloponnese region killed two people and left more than 30 others injured. The shaking caused about 30 houses to collapse.

■ Eleven people were injured in northern Algeria by a 5.3 magnitude quake on June 6.

■ Earth movements were also felt in northwest Iran, the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the central and southern Philippines, central Peru and around Reno, Nevada.

Glacial Earthquakes

Antarctic researcher have tracked down the source of mysterious tremors that were first detected by seismographs deployed on the icy continent beginning in 2001 ó sudden advances of glacial rivers spilling into the ocean. These dailyglacial earthquakes regularly register magnitude of up to 7. Other researchers say such seismic signals from glacial movement have been increasing worldwide due to a warming climate.

Red Tide Defects

Increasing algal blooms, or red tides, in Californiaís coastal waters are responsible for more frequent epileptic seizures and behavioral abnormalities being observed in the regionís sea lion population, according to marine biologists. Toxins created by the phytoplankton blooms are eaten by fish, which are then often consumed by pregnant sea lions. The toxins alter seal fetal development, and result in birth defects that cause the seizures and odd behavior later in life, according to NOAA's Center for Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research.

Indonesian Eruption

Indonesiaís Mount Souptan erupted with clouds of hot ash that soared high above Sulawesi Island. Some of the ash fell on nearby villages, but officials said the mountainís rumblings did not warrant evacuations.

Icelandic Welcome

Animal rights activists expressed outrage at the killing of an adult polar bear that appears to have managed to swim around 200 miles from Greenland to Iceland before being shot dead by marksmen. The animal was thought to be the first to reach the North Atlantic island in at least 15 years, and a local police officer claimed it was a danger to gathering human sightseers. Authorities have been criticized for not keeping the public away from the unique visitor, and for not using a tranquilizer instead of lethal force. The last sighting of a polar bear around Iceland was in 1993, when sailors spotted a bear swimming off the coast, and shot it.

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OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Spider monkey uses garden hose to flee Indiana zoo

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AP)—A spider monkey used a garden hose to scale the wall of a moat at a Michigan City zoo before being captured at a nearby boat dealership. One of two spider monkeys recently added to the Washington Park Zoo broke out of its enclosure this week while workers were cleaning the moat, which had been emptied of water. Zoo Director Johnny Martinez says workers had figured the monkeys would remain inside their enclosure during the cleaning despite the lack of water in the moat to act as a barricade. Once past the moat Wednesday, the escaped monkey jumped onto the roof of a water filtration plant.

Mysterious 'Gas Men' dole out cash at the pumps

PLAINVILLE, Conn. (AP)—They don't climb tall buildings in a single bound, but the mysterious "Gas Men" are super heroes to some fed-up motorists. The unknown duo were dressed in sunglasses, baseball caps, khakis and matching green golf shirts when they gave Gayle Kilburn a $100 bill on Thursday as she filled up her car at a Citgo in Plainville. They also handed her a card that read "Re-Fueling Our Community" and was signed "The Gas Men." Kilburn says she was stunned by the gesture and at first thought it was a stunt with Monopoly money. She later realized it was real cash and used it to fill her tank. She said the Gas Men also helped five or six other customers.

Feds say man wore diaper full of heroin

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Frank Keys Jr. faces up to 40 years in prison after he was found cruising down the highway with more than 200 grams of heroin in the diaper he was wearing, federal officials said. Keys, 38, of New Orleans was charged Friday by a federal grand jury. He got in trouble June 3 in St. John the Baptist Parish, north of New Orleans, when sheriff's deputies pulled over the car he was in for a traffic violation. The occupants were ordered out of the car, and patted down. During the pat-down, "officers felt a large hard object in the pants area on Keys," according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's office. Keys told officers he was wearing a diaper and when they asked if there was anything in the diaper, he "shook his head affirmatively." Officers then removed a package containing about 257 grams of heroin from the diaper.

Good Housekeeping

Gallery owner is at home with art

By DAN VAN BENTHUYSEN
SPECIAL TO NEWSDAY

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Pieces from various artists are shown on rotation in rooms and hallways in the house.

MILL NECK, N.Y.—In the comfortable elegance of airy, sun-filled rooms in her contemporary waterfront home in Mill Neck, Doris Mukabaa Marksohn is celebrating the fourth anniversary of her art gallery. A gallery, it turns out, that she runs in these very rooms.

Her gallery, DM Contemporary, is a private art dealership, meaning visits are by appointment only. Her home would not be easy to find along the winding roads and gated estates in the tony village. Mill Neck has no commercial area.

Instead, Mukabaa Marksohn prefers to speak to the curious by phone first and schedule an appointment. Appointments mean she can take the time to get to know a visitor and develop a rapport.

But her gallery and artists are so unconventional—even within the unconventional business of selling contemporary art—that, as she explains, "I've had to make up the rules myself as I go along."

SPECIAL TO NEWSDAY

Doris Mukabaa Marksohn, third from right, greets guests at her Mill Neck, N.Y., home, which doubles as an art gallery.

"At first, I tried to do two shows each spring and two shows each fall, but it was too much," she says. "Now I just do one show in the spring and one show in the fall. And I do art fairs in New York and Miami."

In only four years, Mukabaa Marksohn has quietly, but steadily, built a following of collectors around a stable of 23 carefully chosen and remarkably consistent artists who together may represent some of the most solid aesthetic work to be found on the contemporary scene today. And this is all housed in an unlikely but welcoming home in the long shadow of the Manhattan art scene.

Perhaps the most impressive measure of her success is that a number of her clients include museum curators and curators from commercial galleries, buying for their own collections.

"When we started, we had a mailing list of 300 people," says Mukabaa Marksohn, adding that she does not need a municipal permit since she operates privately by appointment only and thus does not run a public space. "Now we're at 1,600 and still growing. In the next year or so, we're looking at opening a gallery in Dubai."

The story of her personal journey to this career is as unusual as finding one of the region's best contemporary art galleries in the village of Mill Neck.

Doris Mukabaa grew up in Beirut, the daughter of a bookstore owner whose offerings included art periodicals from around the world. "That bookstore was my window into what else lay beyond Beirut," she says.

She received her bachelor's in fine arts from the Lebanese American University (called Beirut University College at the time). She did murals and set designs for Gilbert and Sullivan productions in Beirut. She illustrated five children's books for the Oxford University Press.

She came to New York to do graduate studies at the Pratt Institute. After Pratt, she worked with an art consultant whose clients included the corporate art collections of Tischman and Bristol-Myers.

Along the way, she watched from afar the gut-wrenching effects of war in her homeland: Exchange rates at one point plummeted precipitously, leaving her virtually penniless. Air travel home was cut off for years at a time. Through it all, she says, she worried most about the survival of her parents in Beirut.

But before she could return to Lebanon, she fell in love with Jerry Marksohn, now an executive with his family-owned We Transport/Towne Bus Corp. on Long Island.

She became involved in the operation of the Dolan Center Art Gallery at Friends Academy in Locust Valley, eventually being asked to curate a show there. "That's when I was bitten by the bug," she says. "That's when I knew I wanted to be an art dealer."

Over time, she developed what she still refers to as "our program," which includes seasonal exhibits with openings that bring 150 to 175 people to her home and gallery. She also hosts artist talks for up to 25

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The home of Doris Mukabaa Marksohn and Jerry Marksohn in Mill Neck, N.Y., has two art shows a year.

Tips for novice art buyers

By DAN VAN BENTHUYSEN
SPECIAL TO NEWSDAY

MILL NECK, N.Y.—For a novice collector, Doris Mukabaa Marksohn advises, "Look at a lot of art. Keep looking until you begin to see things that speak to you."

For beginning collectors, she has a number of unique pieces priced at less than $1,000.

"Art is a universal language that crosses all borders," she says. "Our program is not to operate a gallery so much as a contemporary salon like the 19th century French salons, where there is dialogue about culture."

She has what she calls a three-step program for those who are uncertain about buying art, finding something appropriate for their homes or wondering if they'll still like a piece years down the road.

STEP ONE

Look. See as much as you can, not just in one gallery but elsewhere. The more you see, the closer you will come to finding what you like.

STEP TWO

Look. As you look at more, your eye becomes educated, you don't linger on those things you don't care for.

STEP THREE

Look. You get the idea.

Whether you'll still love the piece years down the road, "No one can answer that," Mukabaa Marksohn says. She suggests that beginning collectors be prepared to make an occasional mistake along the way.

For practical questions such as, "Will my spouse like this as much as I do?" or "Will it fit in that spot over the sofa?," Mukabaa Marksohn suggests telling the dealer you like the piece but need some time. Ask for the right of first refusal, should anyone else express interest in buying.

If you are enthusiastic about the work of a particular artist, ask to see what else the dealer has by the same individual, in other media or sizes. "No artist I know always works the same scale every time."

Mukabaa Marksohn advises against what she calls "purely decorative buying"—buying something because it fits a particular spot or color scheme. "Buy because you love something, but be prepared to rearrange things at home to make it work," she says.

This place is the cat's meow

By BETTIJANE LEVINE
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LOS ANGELES—Anyone handy with a saw and a staple gun can build a simple version of an outdoor fun park for felines, devised by Susan and Dan Gottlieb of Beverly Hills.

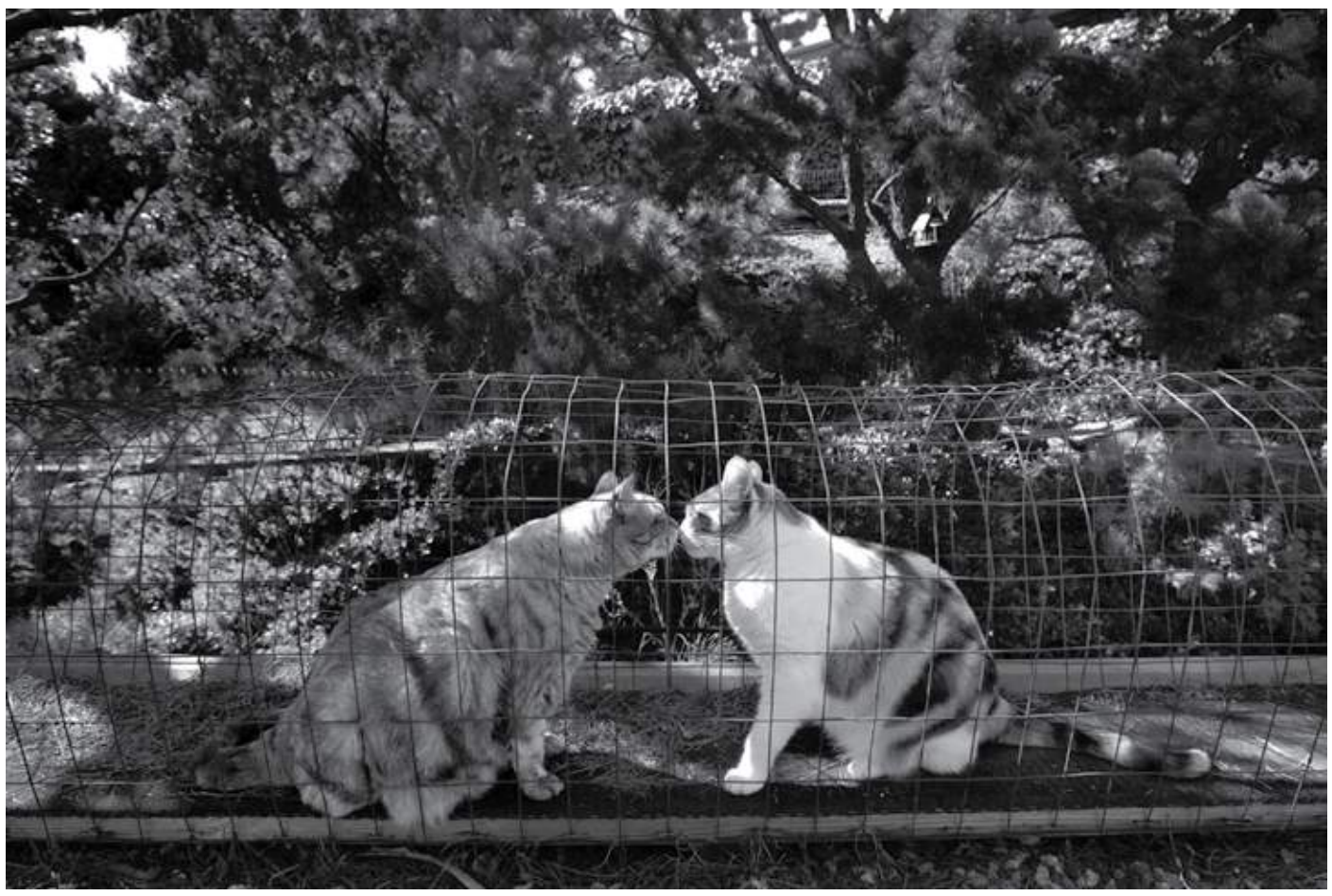
The open-air cat run wanders up, down and around the house. Viewing platforms wind up to the roof for bird-watching and sunbathing. Playpens at ground level invite games and snoozes.

Since the Gottliebs moved to their home in 1985, they wanted each cat to enjoy the outdoors as much as they do. But that would have been too dangerous for the animals, which could have wandered off or been attacked by predators.

And too dangerous for the birds. Blue jays, finches, doves, quail, Cooper's hawks, wrens, sparrows, great horned owls and kestrels are drawn to the California native plants and trees that fill an acre at the Gottliebs' rambling one-story hillside house.

"They're too numerous to name them all," Susan says. "They're outside our door all day, every day. We never know who's going to show up."

In 2000, after one of their cats escaped from the house and was killed by a coyote, the couple hired a carpenter to build an enclosed run. At first, it was a small area, accessed through one door. When the couple realized how much the cats enjoyed their protected outdoor existence, the design was expanded. Now five cat doors lead from the house into the run.



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Cleopatra, left, and Angel in the rambling cat run at Susan and Dan Gottlieb's Beverly Hills, Calif., home.

The Gottliebs, who own the G2 nature and wildlife gallery in the Venice section of Los Angeles, had the path made of redwood planks and wire fencing sold in 4-foot-wide rolls. They shaped the fencing into a tunnel and stapled it to the sides of the wood platform. Sections are carpeted with rubberized matting typically used as kitchen drawer lining -- ideal for protecting paws and preventing skids.

Spike, Shadow, Cleopatra and Angel seem content now that they have the run of the house, indoors and out. But the Gottliebs say they might add an extension, to allow the cats to go down the hill to observe other four-footed creatures wandering there.

"The great thing about this kind of run is that it's relatively easy and inexpensive to build," Susan says. "People can start very small, like we did. And then let your cats dictate where to take it from there."

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Spike prepares to enter the Gottliebs' home in Beverly Hills, Calif., after a jaunt in the cat run.

Affordable tree-trimming

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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Q: My yard has three great old trees whose branches are reaching well out over the street. The city recently sent me a notice that these branches will have to be trimmed back. I don't mind being asked, but I can't afford a tree-cutting service on a fixed income. What are my options?—Barry F., Winter Park, Fla.

A: Trimming away tree limbs, removing dead trees and other large-scale tree maintenance tasks are definitely jobs that should be handled by professionals—particularly when removing limbs over public streets and around power lines. But the price for such services can be steep.

Your first call should be to the city itself, to find out if there are any tree maintenance programs in place that will defray some of the cost of de-limbing those trees. The city might also have a program for senior citizens to help pay for home repair and maintenance costs. Other nonprofit assistance organizations also might be able to help.

Notices like this can be appealed to the city, so to avoid any fines while searching for assistance, go ahead and ask for an appeal. Be sure to mention that you are having financial difficulty.

Cities with historic districts may have grant programs in place—if your home is located in a designated historic district, find out if you qualify for any property improvement grants.

In any case, you'll have to do some homework, fill out paperwork, make a few phone calls and be determined to get a clear answer on obtaining financial assistance.

Additionally, once you're ready to hire a tree maintenance service, ask for a written estimate and the service's license number, and don't allow any work to be performed until you have agreed to and signed the estimate.

HOME TIP: Property improvement loans and grants are sometimes offered by city and state organizations, as well as the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to defray some of the costs of home maintenance and repair.

Send questions or home-repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

KITCHEN MAGIC

Snap Peas with Tarragon-Mustard Vinaigrette

A refreshing side dish of crisp snap peas seasoned with a flavorful tarragon dressing. Whether you serve it warm or chilled, everyone is sure to love this recipe!

Salt
2 pounds snap peas, strings removed
2 tablespoons fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon minced shallot
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon sugar

1. In large saucepot of boiling salted water, cook snap peas 2 minutes or until tender-crisp. (Start timing as soon as snap peas are added to water.) Drain snap peas; rinse with cold water to stop cooking, and drain well.

2. Meanwhile, in large bowl, with wire whisk, mix tarragon with remaining ingredients and 3/4 teaspoon salt until blended. Add snap peas and toss until evenly coated. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve or up to one day. Serves 10.

Zucchini and Sugar Snap Peas

COOK: 10 minutes
TOTAL: 20 minutes
MAKES: 6 servings

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
3 small (about 8 ounces each) zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
1/2 pound sugar snap peas, stem and strings removed along both edges of each pea pod
2 green onions, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1 tablespoon fresh oregano, chopped, or 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1. In nonstick 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, in hot vegetable oil, cook zucchini, snap peas, green onions, oregano, salt and pepper, 8 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently until vegetables are golden and tender-crisp.

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guests on occasional evenings.

It is no accident that the artists she represents come from everywhere. She has shown work by artists from Venezuela, Turkey, Great Britain, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland and Tunisia.

Tamiko Kawata, who was born, raised and attended college in Japan and now lives and works in New York City, creates fascinating geometric constructions that, the viewer finds on close examination, are made from hundreds of safety pins.

But Mukabaa Marksohn's artists also include her husband, a photographer whose large-format abstract color prints examine the textures of aging paint surfaces in a group called "The Boatyard Series."

Mukabaa Marksohn clearly has a preference for artists who create unexpected compositions from mundane materials. In addition to the safety pins, Kawata also "paints" with rubber bands embedded in the canvases.

Luis Castro of New York City and Lita Kelmenson of Jericho create unusual objects with wood. Barbara Andrus works with the tension of bent twigs and thread to create pieces that will evoke the better-known work of Andy Goldsworthy, who lives in New York City.

An endless flow of unsolicited submissions from new artists is reviewed on a continuous basis. Mukabaa Marksohn points to two jam-packed file boxes representing resumes and images from many artists she does not yet represent but wants "to keep an eye on as they develop."

All of those she represents are mid-career or emerging artists with credentials that include grants, residencies and commissions. Many are already represented in significant collections.

"I look for work done from the soul," she says of the artists she has chosen.

The Good Life

Life as a chess match he can't afford to lose

By DENEEN L. BROWN
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"In real life you have to be cautious all the time," says Marte Garner, 15, shown listening to his iPod to focus on his game in the chess competition at Lincoln Middle School in Washington.

WASHINGTON—He is already one move behind. He's overslept on the morning of his big chess tournament. So Marte Garner slips on his blue jeans and a white T-shirt and races through his apartment. He passes his rook, his little brother, and his bishop, his older one. His mother, the king, is rushing, too, on her way to work. The pawn whispers goodbye and pushes out the red door, racing for another chance to play the game of his life: survive and be among the last pieces standing.

"I'm a pawn," he says happily a few days earlier. "A pawn has power. You can never tell what a pawn will do next. A pawn can take anybody on the board."

"I would—what do you call that word?—sacrifice myself for my family," says the 15-year-old. "If my mother was in danger, I would put myself in front of her so she doesn't get hurt. I would sacrifice myself for my mother." And he is adamant that his mother is the king, the most important piece on the board, not the queen. Without the king, the game is over.

His life has become a chess game, and he has become a piece on its board. Chess has helped him frame his world. Chess is like life, the teachers at the rec center keep telling him. Chess, they tell him, is a mental game of transformation and survival. A game in which the weak could become strong and the strong could end up alone. All pieces on the board and in life, no matter how small, are significant, have their own power. Just because you may think you are a pawn, they tell him, doesn't mean you can't one day be king.

The words are as valuable as gold. Repeated every day in the local rec center's after-school program until he and the other students begin to believe them. A pawn could rise, despite his lot in life, despite his background, despite weak schools and dangerous neighborhoods where other pieces lurk, places where you could be minding your own business, moving across the board, then bam!—just like that—another piece tries to take you down.

Marte knows. He has burdens no young pawn should have to bear. In real life, pieces have fallen around him.

"My father was shot and killed when I was 1." He continues, without emotion: "My cousin got shot in the leg and arm. My uncle was killed when I was 10. Two boys, my role models who kept me out of trouble, died two years ago."

This is the reality of some children in Washington, where survival games are played at every level, some more fatal than the next.

But it doesn't have to be like that, they tell him at the rec, if you use the same strategy that you would use in chess: Look in front and behind at the same time and know that no piece is to be taken for granted.

It is the same strategy Marte has to use each day: to get to class at Eastern Senior High School, to move around his new neighborhood, where it is dangerous to be like him, new and not known. So he rolls with a swagger as he makes his way alone across the board of life. No rooks, no bishops, no knights out here to defend him.

"In real life you have to be cautious all the time," Marte says. "There is a lot of killing in D.C. You have to watch your back. You have to be on your toes. When they start shooting, you have to know where to run."

Always listening, always looking, he is wary as he catches the bus this morning, heading to the rec center, where he learned to play chess last year and spent this year practicing, match after match, readying himself for the tournament, for survival. To be among the last pieces standing.

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It is Tuesday, four days before the tournament, and Marte rides the subway from school, then hops on the bus heading to the rec.

The center, a squat brick building pierced with skylights, rises like an oasis in a place where kids walk alone. A safe haven, away from shootings, away from cursing, away from neglect. A place where kids learn to use chess strategies to save themselves, with hip-hop culture as the backdrop for lessons not only in chess but in DJing, art, fashion design, poetry and the lives of cultural revolutionaries.

On a warm night, chessboards are lined up on folding tables in the concrete courtyard in front of the center. Beyonce's lyrics from the song "Irreplaceable" beat in the background: "You must not know 'bout me / you must not know 'bout me." Young teachers speak of Shaka Zulu, Joan of Arc, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Harriet Tubman, Gandhi, Frida Kahlo, Ho Chi Minh, assigning each historical figure a piece on the chessboard. Tubman is a knight who helped slaves escape to freedom; Sitting Bull is a pawn who defended his land against invasion; Nelson Mandela is a rook who led his nation out of apartheid; Malcolm X is a pawn who offered a new racial and political consciousness.

At the chess table under the night sky, Marte's face is smooth, his body thin like a carved piece on a chessboard. Marte's family moved to a new neighborhood. But each day on the bus, passing funeral homes, carry-outs, teddy bear memorials to the dead, he now returns to his old neighborhood for the after-school program, the Urban Arts Academy, a nonprofit group. Started during this academic year, it is run by a group of young teachers hoping to give their students just a little more than they might learn in school by teaching them how to get across the board of life, safely.

Many of the children, says Goldie Deane, the academy's director, are growing up in an environment where the future is a distant concept. "The reality is (the area) has one of the highest statistics of homicide and murder and abortions," she says. "When you live amongst that reality, the idea of planning for 10 years is not smart when your brother didn't make it. The students work on a life map. We teach that you have the opportunity to plan what you want to do in life."

Marte is trying to connect the dots. "Chess is like life," he explains that evening. He pauses. "Then it kind of isn't because it is still a game."

He wants to be a child psychologist when he grows up because he knows how to make people feel better. As the middle child of three sons, Marte feels he is the family's protector, his mother, Tonya Garner, an office worker, says later. He thinks a lot about things, too.

"He is quiet, not a loner, but sometimes he likes to be alone," she says. "He can sit in the house for days at a time, and it's okay with him." He doesn't like to go outside in the new neighborhood unless he has to.

Marte describes his neighborhood as "terrible" because it is so violent.

"He will keep himself away from that. We all get scared when we hear gunshots, but you also have people so used to it it doesn't bother them. Marte listens to everything. He will say, 'Ma, did you hear the gunshots?' I will say no. He will say, 'Didn't you hear that?' I say, 'Marte, you are listening too hard.' "

His world is this kind of place: One night at the center, a mother rushes in in a panic because her daughter has tarried too long. The mother is anxious. The clock says 9:07. It is dark outside. "Marshae! Where have you been?" says the mother, scolding. "How are you going to get home if they start shooting?" She says it's all right for her daughter to talk more about chess and life, but right now it is dangerous to be away from home. "It's time for her to go inside."

The mother rushes the daughter out of the rec center, a queen protecting her pawn.

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Thursday, two days before the tournament and in the room where the Urban Arts Academy gathers, a painted golden dragon is swimming up and down the wall near the blackboard. An admonition is written in red paint above the door: "Know Thyself."

The lesson for the day is on the board: "Which saying do you think is true? A: Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me! Or, B: Words are weapons used to shoot down or build up."

In walks Dequan Smith, 12, a sixth-grade student; Jamal Garner, 13, a sixth-grader; and Marte. Jamal and Marte are cousins and best friends.

Deane asks them about the lesson on the board.

Marte reads the blackboard. "What do you mean, using your weapon?"

Deane explains: "Some people think words can be used against you. Some people think words won't hurt you, like sticks and stones. Which do you think is true?"

Marte squints: "Sticks and stones can't break my bones."

"Yes, they can!" Jamal says.

"No!" Marte argues. "What kind of stick do you think will hurt me? A stick is not a limb. Sticks can't hurt nobody. ... That has nothing to do with chess."

Deane probes deeper: "You say this has nothing to do with chess. But what if you sit across from somebody in the tournament, and they say, 'Marte, where you from?' And you say, 'D.C.' And they might say, 'You from D.C.? People in D.C. can't play chess.' "

"If they keep talking, you say, 'Shut up! I'm trying to focus right now,' " says Jamal.

"I'm going to have my headphones on anyway," says Marte, confidently. "I have my strategy. Four moves, and they are out. People will tell you you can't win. But you can tell yourself in your head you can beat them."

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Saturday finally arrives.

Despite oversleeping, Marte arrives early for "Bum Rush the Boards," as the tournament is called, at Lincoln Middle School. He sits in the tournament's intermediate section, facing his opponent, a 10-year-old fourth-grader from another part of town. They shake hands. Then the moves are on.

Quickly, each player advances a pawn. The younger boy is playing with confidence. Marte pauses, bites his finger. Bites his lip. He moves his knight. The other kid moves a pawn. Marte adjusts the volume on his iPod, drowning out the noise, drowning out the pressure.

Marte recognizes his own four-move strategy. His opponent has just used it. "Man, he used my moves on me," Marte thinks to himself, as he described it later. He adjusts his iPod. He will have to adjust his strategy.

Marte moves his queen to trap the opposing king. "Checkmate," he declares. And the two shake hands and walk down the hall to report their game.

Marte spins a big blue balloon while waiting for Round 2. As the balloon twirls and floats, he's immersed in thought—a pawn holding up a dream.

Marte meets a sixth-grader when the games resume. He uses his four-move strategy and wins again. In Round 3, he quickly loses. But he is smiling. "It was a good game," he says.

In the final round, after three moves, he checkmates his opponent with his queen. He raises his hands in victory. He lost only one piece. This game is over.

Or is it?

He sits in a stairway at the school. The evening sun pours through the glass above him. He recounts the games, the moves. He smiles at his victories. He didn't lose too many pieces. Nor was he captured. And yet he is vulnerable. He feels it.

"I'm happy, but in another way I'm not happy. I still don't have a father," Marte says sadly. "I think he was killed—I can't remember the street—it was somewhere by Pennsylvania Avenue, I think. Somewhere. He was 21. Wait." He counts to himself. "He was 19. I think he was 19."

There are some pieces that are taken that don't come back, can't be set straight with the next move, the next game. Did his father ever play chess? If he had, would he have known what move to make to avoid a fatal capture? To be among the last pieces standing?

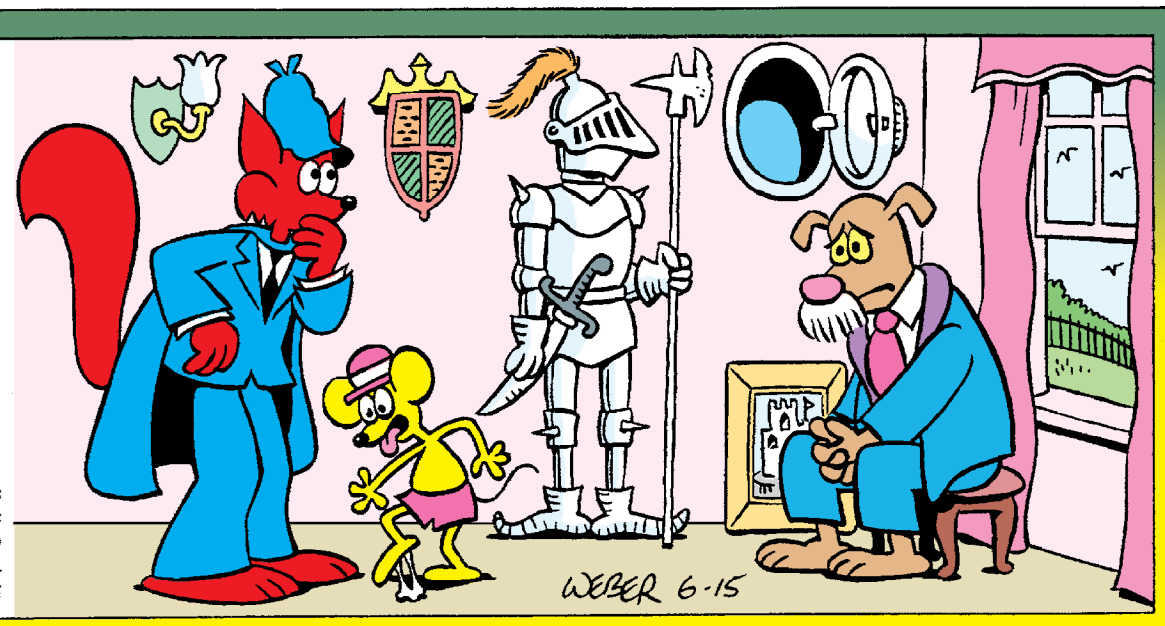
Bob Weber Jr.'s Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids

Which two students that did not study are exactly alike?

Answer -- Numbers one and four.

Someone stole valuable gold coins from Sir Hound's safe. Slylock Fox suspects known burglar Carla Cat is the thief. The only evidence left by the thief is a discarded wad of chewed gum. How will the gum help determine if Carla is the cat burglar?

Solution -- The gum contains DNA from the chewer's saliva. Slylock will send the gum to a lab to see if it matches Carla Cat's DNA.



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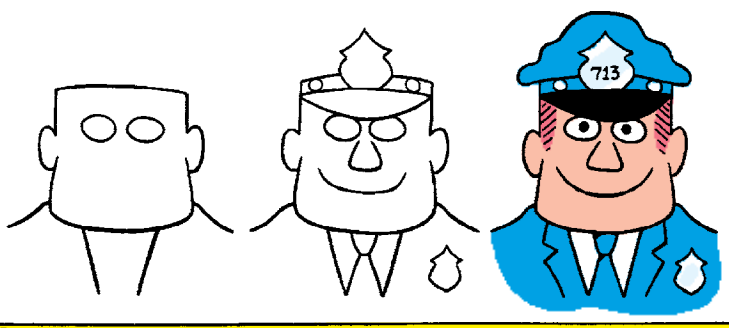

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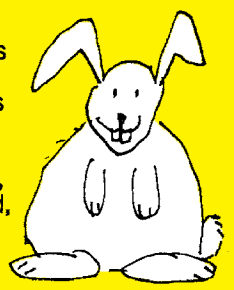

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A group of penguins is called a ...

a) bevy
b) rookery
c) herd
d) waddle

Answer -- b) A group of penguins can also be called a colony, huddle, parcel or creche.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS®

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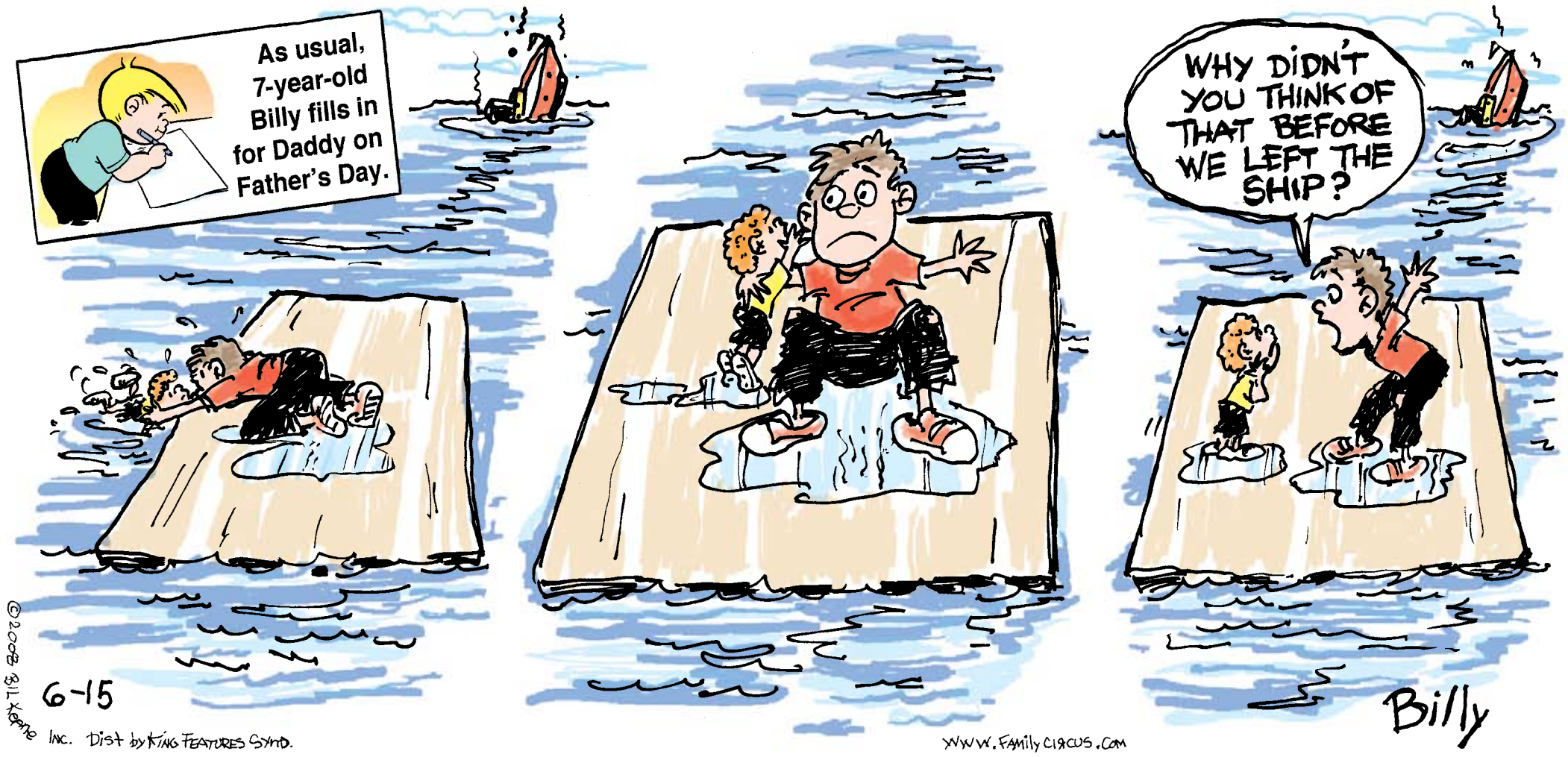
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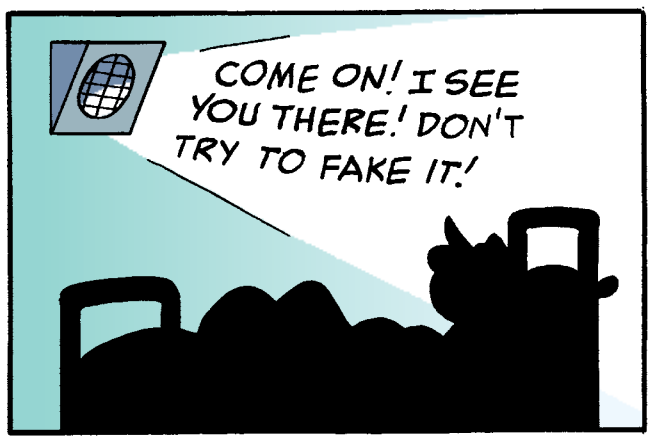

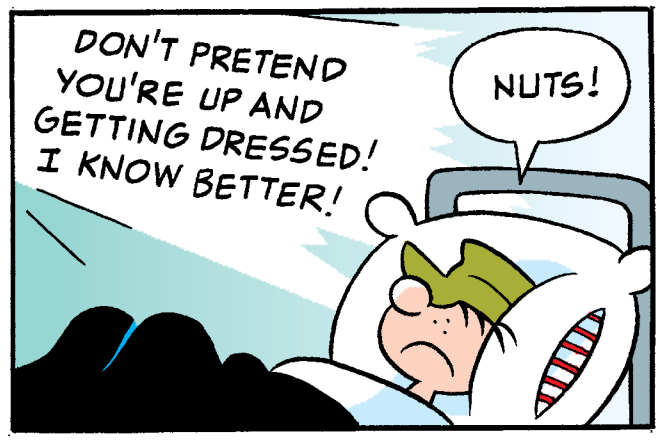

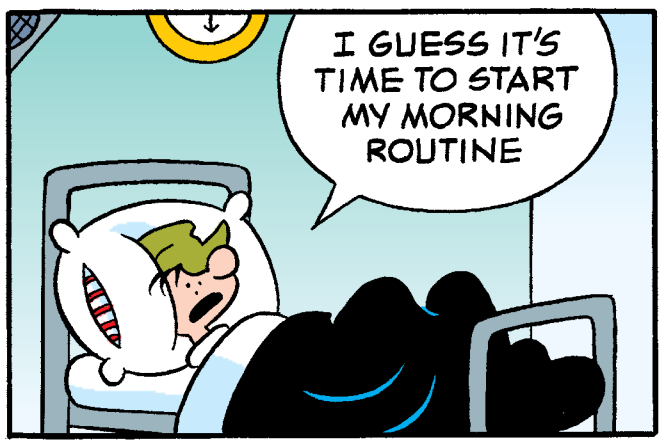

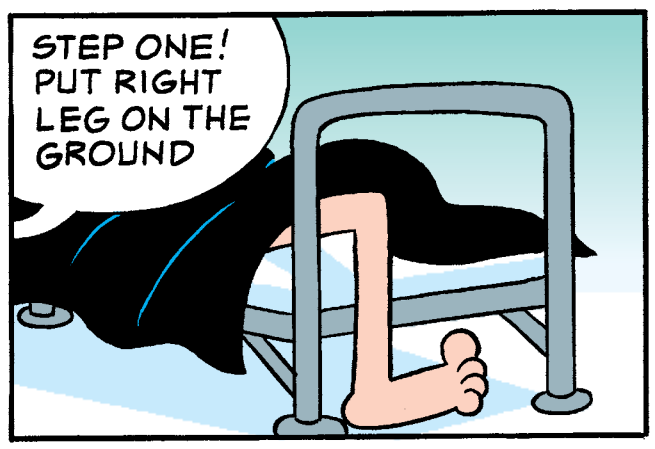

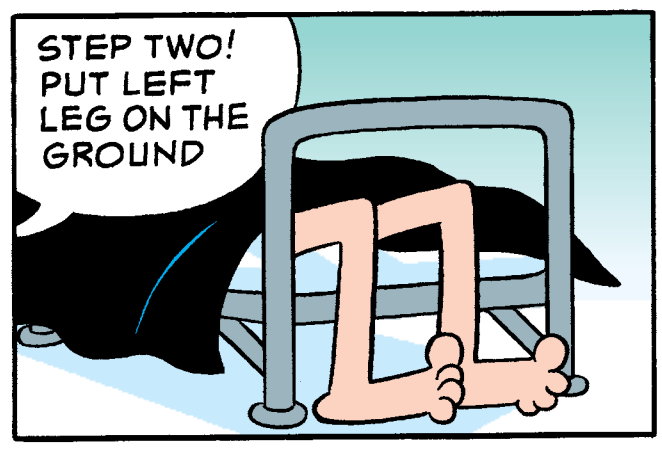

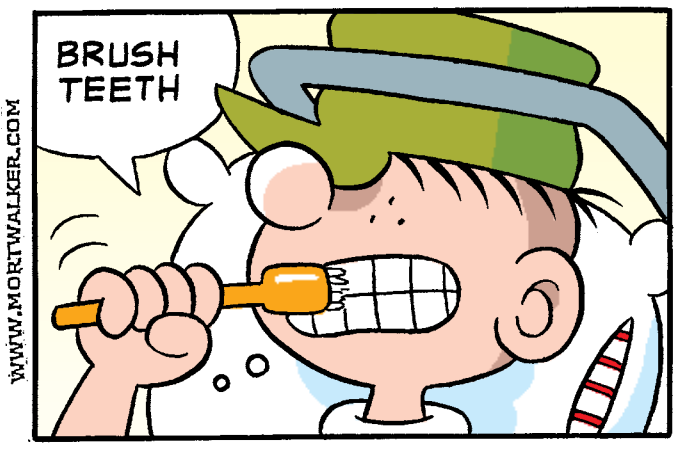

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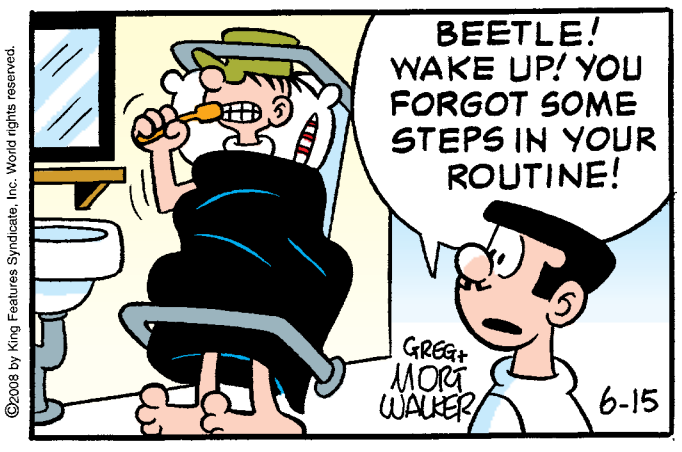

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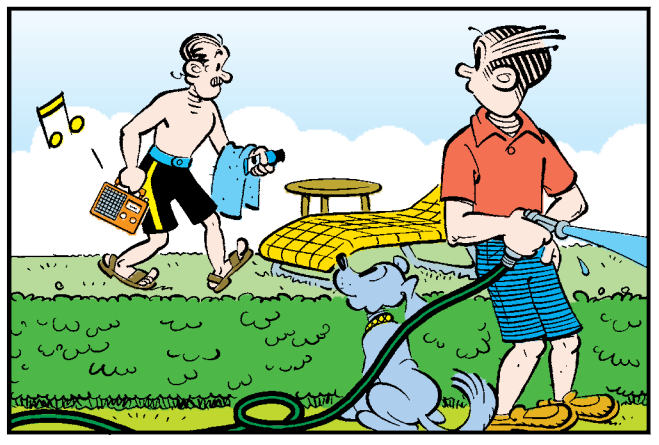

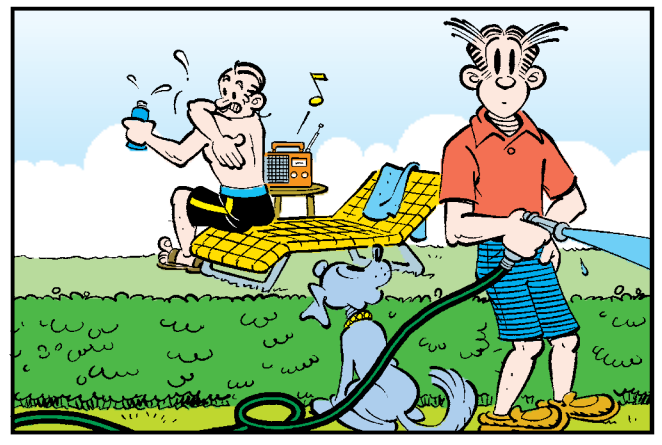

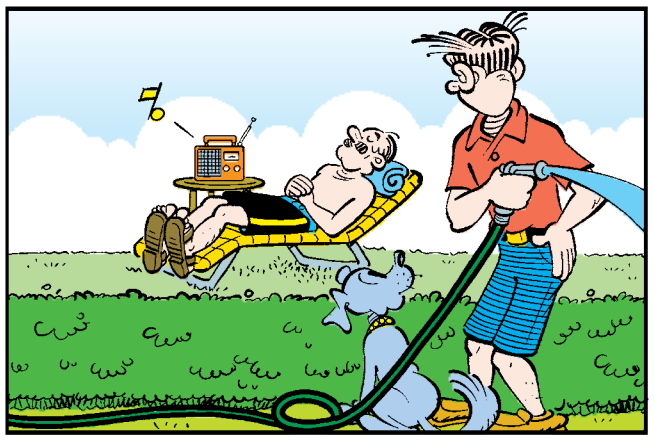

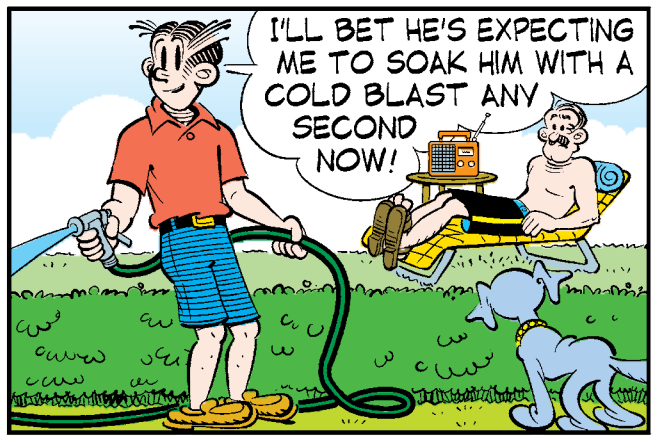

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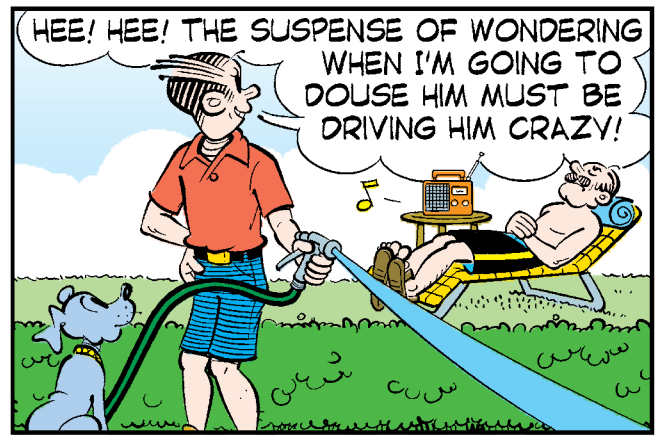

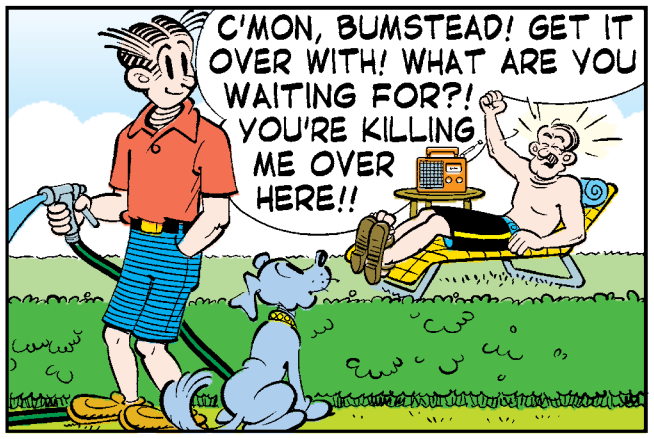

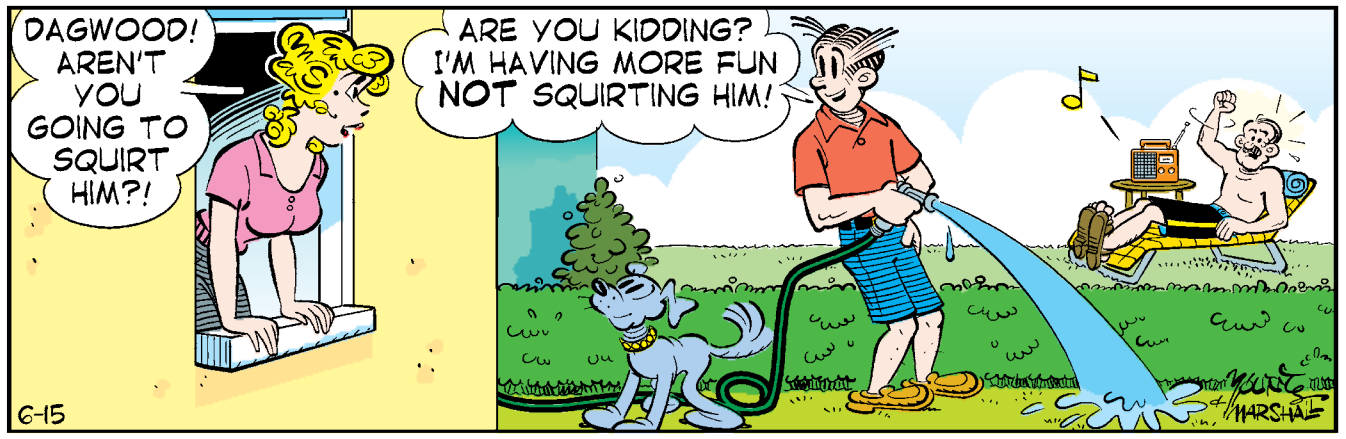

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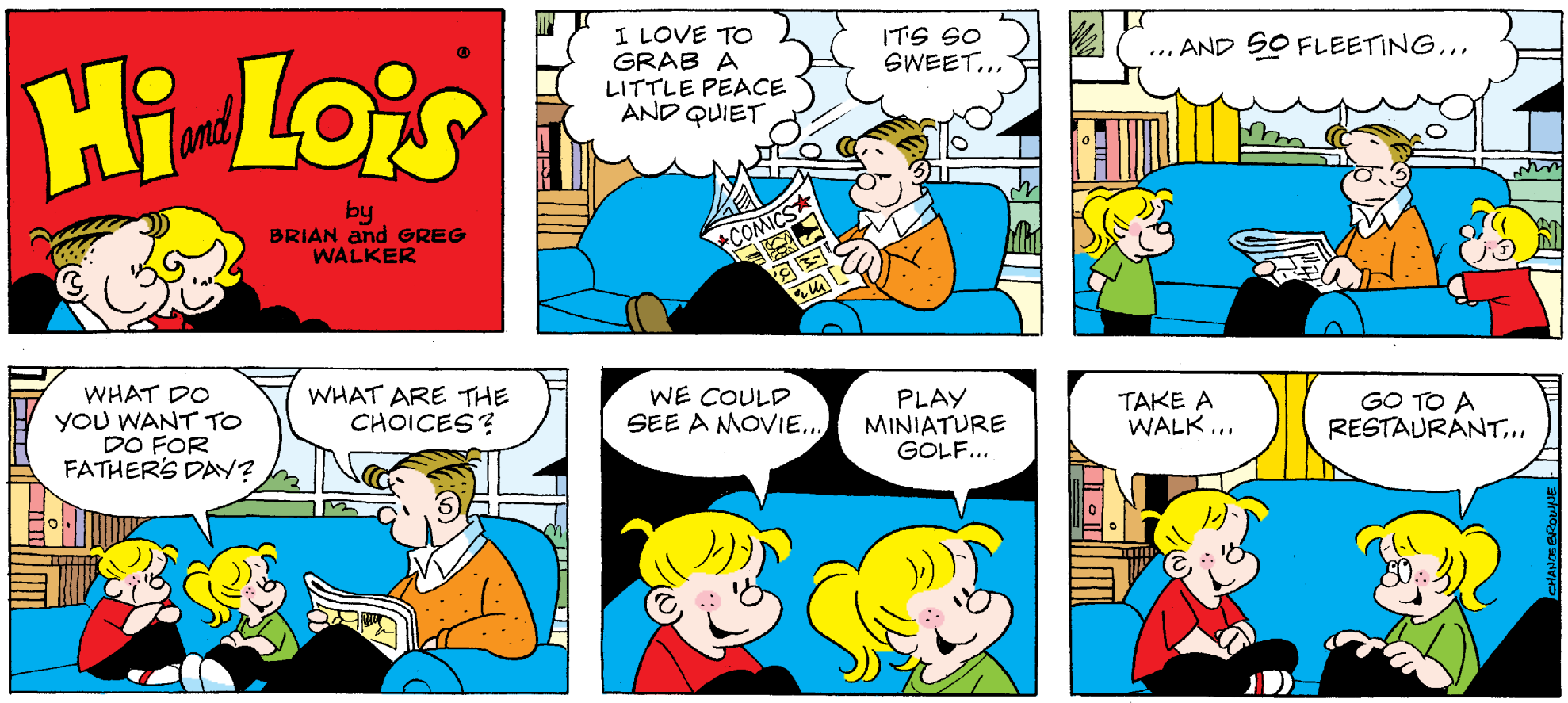
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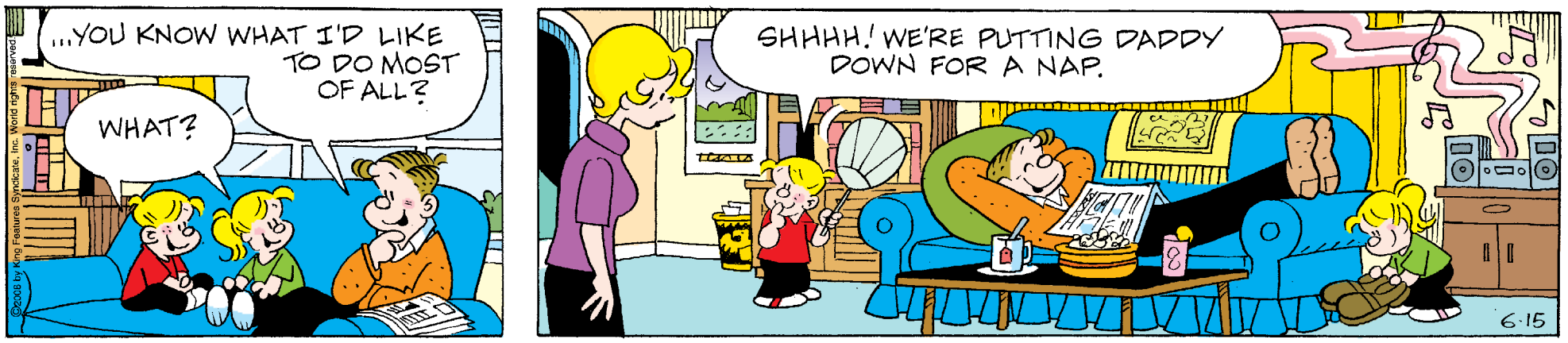
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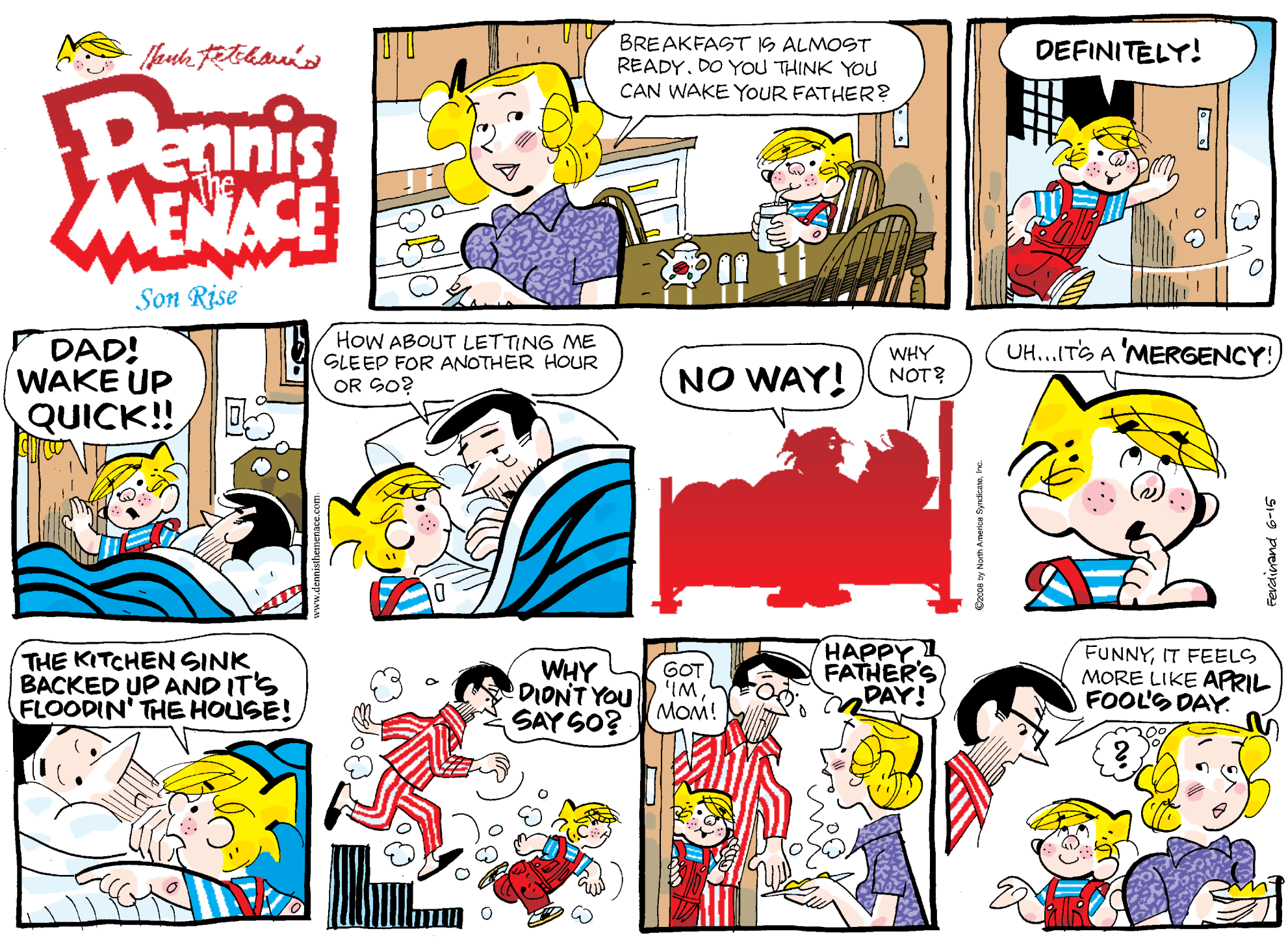
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WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions, and insist on each being fully answered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project, or go back and restart the one you had set aside.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your perceptions.

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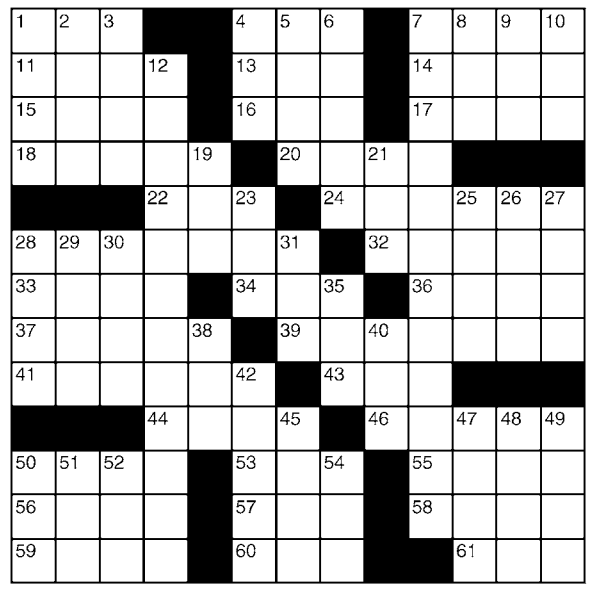

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United States

ACROSS THE NATION

Judge declares mistrial in LA obscenity case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A federal judge under scrutiny for posting sexually explicit material on his own Web site declared a mistrial Friday in an obscenity trial over which he was presiding. Judge Alex Kozinski said he would ask that the case be assigned to another judge. Kozinski is chief judge of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals but was serving as a trial judge in a federal obscenity prosecution of a man who distributed videos showing bestiality and extreme fetishes. "In light of the public controversy surrounding my involvement in this case, I have concluded that there is a manifest necessity to declare a mistrial," Kozinski wrote in his order.

Cooper skyjacking cash sells for $37K at auction

DALLAS (AP)—Fifteen tattered $20 bills recovered from the 1971 D.B. Cooper skyjacking sold Friday for more than 120 times their face value at a Dallas auction. Heritage Auction Galleries said the bills sold for a total of more than $37,000 - two to three times higher than expected. Winning bidders paid about $6,500 each for two of the $20 bills. The money has the handwritten initials of investigators who examined the bills, which were found buried in sand in 1980. Another recovered note, a tiny fragment showing only a portion of the printed San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank seal in the design, sold for $358. Cooper skyjacked a flight from Portland, Ore., to Seattle, claiming he had a bomb. He released the passengers at a Seattle airport for $200,000, four parachutes and a flight to Mexico. On that flight, he jumped out with a parachute near the Oregon-Washington line. He was never found.

McCain slams Supreme Court on terrorist detainees

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican presidential candidate John McCain on Friday sharply denounced a Supreme Court decision that gave suspected terrorist detainees a right to seek their release in federal courts. "I think it's one of the worst decisions in history," McCain said. "It opens up a whole new chapter and interpretation of our constitution." McCain is one of the authors of the 2006 Military Commissions Act which set up procedures for the handling of detainees. The act denied the detainees access to federal courts. The Supreme Court on Thursday said that provision of the law violated the constitution.

NC couple face murder in death of son tied to tree

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—A couple accused of tying their 13-year-old son to a tree for two nights to punish him for disobedience has been charged with murder in his death, authorities said Friday. Brice Brian McMillan, 41, of Macclesfield, told a deputy that the child was being disobedient and was forced to sleep outside Tuesday while tied to a tree, the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office said. The teenager was released Wednesday morning but again tied up that night for bad behavior, authorities said. The boy was left tied to the tree until the following afternoon when his stepmother found him unresponsive, Sheriff James Knight said.

Sketch released in case of 2 Okla. girls slain

WELEETKA, Okla. (AP)—Authorities released a sketch Friday of a "person of interest" investigators want to interview about the slayings of two girls along an eastern Oklahoma country road. The man, looking "a little suspicious," was seen standing near a white pickup truck around the time and place the youngsters were shot to death on Sunday afternoon, said Jessica Brown, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. He was described as an American Indian, about 6 feet tall, with black hair and a pony tail. He was driving in a white Ford or Chevrolet single cab pickup with chrome stripping and an Oklahoma license tag.

3 in Ohio guilty of plot against US troops in Iraq

CLEVELAND (AP)—Three Ohio men were convicted Friday of plotting to recruit and train terrorists to kill American soldiers in Iraq, a case put together with help from a former soldier who posed as a radical bent on violence. Mohammad Amawi, 28, Marwan El-Hindi, 45, and Wassim Mazloum, 27, face maximum sentences of life in prison. Prosecutors said the men were learning to shoot guns and make explosives while raising money to fund their plans to wage a holy war against U.S. troops. The federal jury in Toledo returned its verdict after three days of deliberations.

Downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa is engulfed by the Cedar River, Friday, June 13, 2008. AP

Floods swamp Iowa town

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)—Hospital patients in wheelchairs and on stretchers were evacuated in the middle of the night as the biggest flood Cedar Rapids has ever seen swamped more than 400 blocks Friday and all but cut off the supply of clean drinking water in the city of 120,000.

As many as 10,000 townspeople driven from their homes by the rain-swollen Cedar River took shelter at schools and hotels or moved in with relatives.

About 100 miles to the west, officials in Iowa's biggest city, Des Moines, urged people in low-lying areas to clear out by Friday evening. The Des Moines River was expected to crest at 8 p.m., but officials said just before the expected peak that a malfunctioning gauge may have led them to overestimate how high it would rise.

Officials became less worried that the levees would be topped, but U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesman Roger Less said the city of 190,000 residents would not be out of danger until Saturday.

"We have a lot of soft spots in those levees," Less said. "We are still at very high river levels even though we are starting to see some slight drops." He added: "We don't think the victory is won at this point."

Mayor Frank Cownie, who said the call evacuation call was an attempt to "err on the side of citizens and residents," later said he didn't regret that residents were advised to leave, despite the faulty gauge.

"Absolutely not," Mayor Frank Cownie said. "I was here in 1993. I saw what happened. I saw what happened to my business. I saw what was happening to every other thing in Des Moines."

The flooding was blamed for at least two deaths in Iowa: a driver was killed in an accident on a road under water, and a farmer who went out to check his property was swept away.

Navy: Pilot killed in jet collision over Nevada

FALLON, Nev. (AP)—Two fighter jets from the U.S. Navy's elite training school collided Friday over northern Nevada's high desert, killing one pilot and injuring two others who parachuted to safety.

The pilot who died was based at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Va., said Jeffery Wells, a spokesman at Fallon Naval Air Station. He was at the controls of an F/A-18C Hornet at the time of the crash.

The two pilots who ejected from a two-seater F-5 Tiger were rescued about 50 miles east of the air station, said Zip Upham, another base spokesman. They were in stable condition and being treated for minor injuries at Banner Churchill Medical Center in Fallon.

The two were assigned to the Fallon Naval Air Station, where both jets had taken off.

The names of the three were being withheld pending notification of the pilots' families, Wells said. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

The air station, about 60 miles east of Reno, is home to the Navy's elite Strike and Air Warfare Center. The center was formed in 1996 with the consolidation of the Navy fighter Weapons School known as "Top Gun" and the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School, or "Top Dome."

The F-5 Tiger is a Vietnam-era fighter aircraft. The F/A-18C Hornet, which was used in Operation Desert Storm, is a fighter-attack aircraft that can carry air-to-air missiles and infrared imaging air-to-ground missiles.

Florida, Mexico suspects in tomato outbreak

WASHINGTON (AP)—Parts of Florida and Mexico were supplying "the vast majority" of tomatoes sold when the salmonella outbreak began in April and thus remain leading suspects, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday.

But the FDA hasn't narrowed its hunt to just those two places, said Dr. David Acheson, the agency's food safety chief.

"The logical assumption would be that Florida or Mexico are the most likely source" because of the outbreak's timing, he told The Associated Press. "But we have not simply shifted the focus to those two places. ... It's wide open for anybody not on that exclusion list."

The government counts 228 illnesses in 23 states linked to salmonella-tainted tomatoes, and is urging consumers nationwide to avoid raw red plum, red Roma or red round tomatoes unless they were grown in specific states or countries that FDA has cleared of suspicion. Check FDA's Web site—http://www.fda.gov—for an updated list. Also safe are grape tomatoes, cherry tomatoes and tomatoes sold with the vine still attached.

The northern part of Florida is on that safe-to-eat list, while counties in the central and southern part haven't yet been cleared, Acheson said.

Some of the sick ate tomatoes bought at supermarkets and fixed at home, while others ate them in restaurants. Among the clues FDA is pursuing: Nine people who became sick after eating at one restaurant chain, which might help pin down tomato suppliers. Acheson wouldn't name the restaurant or its location Friday because it's part of an open investigation.

Police: 2 dead in NC bottling plant shooting

CONCORD, N.C. (AP)—A longtime employee and a laid-off tech worker seeking a job were shot and killed Friday morning during an apparent robbery of a soda bottling plant north of Charlotte.

The bodies of Donna Barnhardt, 59, and Darrell Noles, 44, were found inside the office at Sun-drop Bottling Co. Barnhardt had worked at the plant for 18 years, while Noles was an unemployed fiber-optics technician looking for work. His wife was waiting outside in the couple's car when he was killed.

"She's in pretty rough shape right now," said Noles' wife's uncle, the Rev. Donnie Tomlin of the Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church in Concord. "We just have to get her through it." Concord deputy police chief Guy Smith said a search that included a helicopter and police dogs continued Friday night for the gunman, who was seen running away from the bottling business carrying a box.

Asia

Magnitude 7 quake hits Japan, at least two dead

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful 7.0-magnitude earthquake rocked a rural area of northern Japan on Saturday, killing at least two people, triggering landslides and reportedly knocking down a bridge. News reports said dozens of people were injured.

Two nuclear power plants in the area were undergoing inspections but there were no immediate reports of damage, said Chief Cabinet Secretary Nobutaka Machimura. Electricity had been cut to about 29,000 households in the quake zone, he said. There was no danger of tsunami.

The 8:43 a.m. quake was centered in the northern prefecture (state) of Iwate about 280 miles north of Tokyo. It was felt as far away as the capital.

One of the deaths was a man who ran out of a building in fear and was hit by a passing truck, and the other confirmed death was a man who was buried in a landslide while he was fishing, Machimura said.

The government said 13 people had been injured, but reports gathered from local authorities showed dozens of people had been hurt.

Footage shot from media helicopters showed numerous landslides onto rural roads running along knots of mountains separated by long stretches of rice fields. The footage aired on national broadcaster NHK also showed a bridge that had collapsed.

China mine blast leaves 27 dead

BEIJING (AP)—Twenty-seven miners were found dead Saturday following an explosion at a Chinese coal mine, and rescuers were working to free seven more who remain trapped, state media reported.

Miners were trapped when explosives went off accidentally Friday deep in the pit of the mine located on the outskirts of Xiaoyi city in the northern province of Shanxi, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Fifteen workers made it to the surface following the blast, which ripped through the mine's main shaft shortly after 1 p.m. Another nine miners were rescued Friday evening.

The bodies of the 27 killed were pulled out around dawn Saturday. More than 100 rescuers from three local mine disaster relief teams were continuing to search for the seven trapped miners.

China's mining industry is notoriously unsafe, although Xinhua said the mine, operated by the Anxin Coal Mining Corp., had passed a recent safety inspection.

Taliban attack helps inmates escape Afghanistan prison

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—Taliban militants staged a brazen bomb and rocket attack on the main prison in southern Afghanistan late Friday, blowing down the front gate and helping more than 600 inmates to escape, officials said. At least 17 police officers and prisoners were killed.

The complex attack included a truck bombing at the main gate, a suicide bomber who struck a back wall and rockets fired from outside, setting of a series of explosions that rattled Kandahar, the country's second biggest city.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousef Ahmadi, said 30 insurgents on motorbikes and two suicide bombers attacked Sarposa Prison and freed about 400 Taliban members.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Landslide in China buries brick factory

BEIJING (AP)—China's official news agency says a landslide in northern China has buried a brick factory, killing at least 16 workers. The report says rescuers are working Saturday to pull out two others who remain trapped after the landslide hit Friday morning in northern Shanxi province near Luliang town. One other worker has already been pulled out. Rescue efforts were suspended overnight because of fears of a second landslide in the area.

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 447

As of Friday, June 13, 2008, at least 447 members of the U.S. military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defense Department. Of those, the military reports 310 were killed by hostile action. Outside the Afghan region, the Defense Department reports 65 more members of the U.S. military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen. There were also four CIA officer deaths and one military civilian death.

China said discouraging tourist travel to France

BEIJING (AP)—France seems to be falling off the itinerary of Chinese tourists, in a display of China's pique at French support for protesting Tibetans and angry demonstrations against the Olympic torch on the streets of Paris. Some Chinese travel agents have stopped selling tours to France in recent weeks, in some cases removing offerings from their Web sites. Others said demand for such trips had plummeted by 20 percent or more. France's Foreign Ministry said this week that Chinese officials had issued a verbal order to travel agents to remove France as a destination and stop offering package tours to the country.

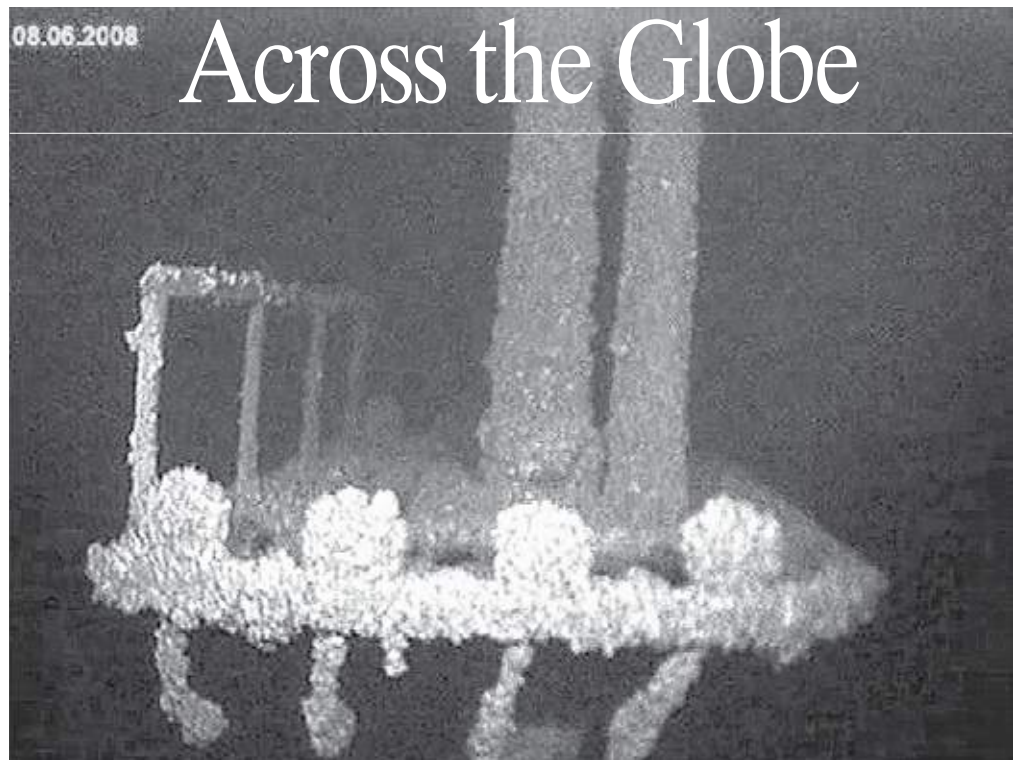
Interpol may seek public help to find jewel thief

TOKYO (AP)—Interpol soon may be looking for more help from the public. Calls for assistance helped find two suspected pedophiles, and the organization's chief said Friday it may turn to the public again to locate a leader of a network of jewel thieves. "There is one guy who is one of the ring leaders if you will, who we're considering using it on," Interpol Secretary-General Ronald Noble said in Tokyo. The global crime fighting body, which links police forces from 186 countries, has long preferred to work behind the scenes. However, it is now actively seeking help from the public.

Japan to partially lift sanctions on North Korea

TOKYO (AP)—Japan will drop some of its sanctions against North Korea in exchange for a probe into abductions of Japanese citizens, the two countries said Friday, signaling progress on an emotional dispute that has hindered efforts to get Pyongyang to give up nuclear weapons. The deal, reached in two days of talks in Beijing, won a reversal of North Korea's long-standing position that its kidnappings of Japanese during the 1970s and '80s were already resolved. Tokyo has long demanded a full investigation into what it says are unsolved cases.

Across the Globe



AP

This handout image from video released Friday, June 13, 2008 by Jim Kennard and Dan Scoville, shows the crows nest and foremast of the sunken 228-year-old British warship HMS Ontario.

1780 British warship found in Lake Ontario

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—A 22-gun British warship that sank during the American Revolution and has long been regarded as one of the "Holy Grail" shipwrecks in the Great Lakes has been discovered at the bottom of Lake Ontario, astonishingly well-preserved in the cold, deep water, explorers announced Friday.

Shipwreck enthusiasts Jim Kennard and Dan Scoville used side-scanning sonar and an unmanned submersible to locate the HMS Ontario, which was lost with barely a trace and as many as 130 people aboard during a gale in 1780.

The 80-foot sloop of war is the oldest shipwreck and the only fully intact British warship ever found in the Great Lakes, Scoville and Kennard said.

"To have a Revolutionary War vessel that's practically intact is unbelievable. It's an archaeological miracle," said Canadian author Arthur Britton Smith, who chronicled the history of the HMS Ontario in a 1997 book, "The Legend of the Lake."

The finders of the wreck said they regard it as a war grave and have no plans to raise it or remove any of its artifacts. They said the ship is still considered the property of the British Admiralty.

Irish voters veto EU treaty

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—It took years to negotiate, weighs in at 260 pages, is virtually unreadable—and now could be a dead letter.

Irish voters vetoed a painstakingly drafted treaty Friday that had been designed to streamline the European Union. Politicians from all of Ireland's major parties worked hard to sell the complex, deeply technical document to a confused and suspicious public.

Only Ireland put the treaty before the voters at all. The other 26 members are ratifying it through their parliaments, in part fearful of what happened to its predecessor, an even bigger, more ambitious constitution that French and Dutch voters torpedoed in 2005.

To become law, the treaty must be unanimously approved by all 27 EU nations. But Ireland's constitution requires EU treaties be put to a vote - a risky policy for the EU, whose powerful commissioners are not popularly elected and seem distant from the ordinary European.

The overwhelming majority of Ireland's politicians supported the Treaty of Lisbon, named after the city where the charter was signed by all member governments in December 2007. But they found it impossible to sell.

"If I was ever in charge of producing another treaty, I would say strongly to everyone at the table: Would you put something into it that's a big-ticket item that you can actually sell to people? Because this was full of technical detail," said Mary Hanafin, a government minister charged with drumming up support.

Her boss, Prime Minister Brian Cowen, faces certain embarrassment and possible isolation at an EU summit next week.

Scientists: 115-year-old's brain worked well

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)—A Dutch woman who was the oldest person in the world when she died at age 115 in 2005 appeared sharp right up to the end, joking that pickled herring was the secret to her longevity.

Andel-Schipper

Scientists say that Henrikje van Andel-Schipper's mind was probably as good as it seemed: a post-mortem analysis of her brain revealed few signs of Alzheimer's or other diseases commonly associated with a decline in mental ability in old age.

That came as something of a surprise, said Gert Holstege, a professor at Groningen University, whose findings will be published in the August edition of Neurobiology of Aging.

"Everybody was thinking that when you have a brain over 100 years, you have a lot of problems," he said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Friday.

He cited a common hardening of arteries and the build up of proteins associated with Alzheimer's disease as examples.

"This is the first (extremely old) brain that did not have these problems."

Zimbabwe leader warns of violence if he loses

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—President Robert Mugabe said Friday that his supporters are ready to fight if the opposition wins an upcoming presidential runoff election, hardening the rhetoric of a campaign that already has seen widespread violence against government opponents.

"I'm even prepared to join the fight," the 84-year-old Mugabe told a conference of his party's youth wing.

Mugabe said the veterans of the war of independence in 1980 had approached him after the first round of voting in March and threatened to take up arms again if opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai wins the June 27 runoff.

Tsvangirai finished first in a field of four in the first round but failed to win the majority needed to avoid a runoff.

Focus

Thousands killed by US' Korean ally

By CHARLES J. HANLEY and JAE-SOON CHANG
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAEJEON, South Korea (AP)—Grave by mass grave, South Korea is unearthing the skeletons and buried truths of a cold-blooded slaughter from early in the Korean War, when this nation's U.S.-backed regime killed untold thousands of leftists and hapless peasants in a summer of terror in 1950.

With U.S. military officers sometimes present, and as North Korean invaders pushed down the peninsula, the southern army and police emptied South Korean prisons, lined up detainees and shot them in the head, dumping the bodies into hastily dug trenches. Others were thrown into abandoned mines or into the sea. Women and children were among those killed. Many victims never faced charges or trial.

The mass executions—intended to keep possible southern leftists from reinforcing the northerners—were carried out over mere weeks and were largely hidden from history for a half-century. They were "the most tragic and brutal chapter of the Korean War," said historian Kim Dong-choon, a member of a 2-year-old government commission investigating the killings.

Hundreds of sets of remains have been uncovered so far, but researchers say they are only a tiny fraction of the deaths. The commission estimates at least 100,000 people were executed, in a South Korean population of 20 million.

That estimate is based on projections from local surveys and is "very conservative," said Kim. The true toll may be twice that or more, he told The Associated Press.

In addition, thousands of South Koreans who allegedly collaborated with the communist occupation were slain by southern forces later in 1950, and the invaders staged their own executions of rightists.

Through the postwar decades of South Korean right-wing dictatorships, victims' fearful families kept silent about that blood-soaked summer. American military reports of the South Korean slaughter were stamped "secret" and filed away in Washington. Communist accounts were dismissed as lies.

Only since the 1990s, and South Korea's democratization, has the truth begun to seep out.

In 2002, a typhoon's fury uncovered one mass grave. Another was found by a television news team that broke into a sealed mine. Further corroboration comes from a trickle of declassified U.S. military documents, including U.S. Army photographs of a mass killing outside this central South Korean city.

Now Kim's Truth and Reconciliation Commission has added government authority to the work of scattered researchers, family members and journalists trying to peel away the long-running cover-up. The commissioners have the help of a handful of remorseful old men.

"Even now, I feel guilty that I pulled the trigger," said Lee Joon-young, 83, one of the executioners in a secluded valley near Daejeon in early July 1950.

The retired prison guard told the AP he knew that many of those shot and buried en masse were ordinary convicts or illiterate peasants wrongly ensnared in roundups of supposed communist sympathizers. They didn't deserve to die, he said. They "knew nothing about communism."

The 17 investigators of the commission's subcommittee on "mass civilian sacrifice," led by Kim, have been dealing with petitions from more than 7,000 South Koreans, involving some 1,200 alleged incidents—not just mass planned executions, but also 215 cases in which the U.S. military is accused of the indiscriminate killing of South Korean civilians in 1950-51, usually in air attacks.

The commission last year excavated sites at four of an estimated 150 mass graves around the country, recovering remains of more than 400 people. Working deliberately, matching documents to eyewitness and survivor testimony, it has officially confirmed two large-scale executions—at a warehouse in the central South Korean county of Cheongwon, and at Ulsan on the southeast coast.

In January, then-President Roh Moo-hyun, under whose liberal leadership the commission was established, formally apologized for the more than 870 deaths confirmed at Ulsan, calling them "illegal acts the then-state authority committed."

The commission, with no power to compel testimony or prosecute, faces daunting tasks both in verifying events and identifying victims, and in tracing a chain of responsibility. Under Roh's conservative successor, Lee Myung-bak, whose party is seen as democratic heir to the old autocratic right wing, the commission may find less budgetary and political support.

The roots of the summer 1950 bloodbath lie in the U.S.-Soviet division of Japan's former Korea colony in 1945, which precipitated north-south turmoil and eventual war.

In the late 1940s, President Syngman Rhee's U.S.-installed rightist regime crushed leftist political activity in South Korea, including a guerrilla uprising inspired by the communists ruling the north. By 1950, southern jails were packed with up to 30,000 political prisoners.

The southern government, meanwhile, also created the National Guidance League, a "re-education" organization for recanting leftists and others suspected of communist leanings. Historians say officials met membership quotas by pressuring peasants into signing up with promises of rice rations or other benefits. By 1950, more than 300,000 people were on the league's rolls, organizers said.

North Korean invaders seized Seoul, the southern capital, in late June 1950 and freed thousands of prisoners, who rallied to the northern cause. Southern authorities, in full retreat with their U.S. military advisers, ordered National Guidance League members in areas they controlled to report to the police, who detained them. Soon after, commission researchers say, the organized mass executions of people regarded as potential collaborators began—"bad security risks," as a police official described the detainees at the time.

The declassified record of U.S. documents shows an ambivalent American attitude toward the killings. American diplomats that summer urged restraint on southern officials—to no obvious effect—but a State Department cable that fall said overall commander Gen. Douglas MacArthur viewed the executions as a Korean "internal matter," even though he controlled South Korea's military.

Ninety miles south of Seoul, here in the narrow, peaceful valley of Sannae, truckloads of prisoners were brought in from Daejeon Prison and elsewhere day after day in July 1950, as the North Koreans bore down on the city.

The American photos, taken by an Army major and kept classified for a half-century, show the macabre sequence of events.

White-clad detainees—bent, submissive, with hands bound—were thrown down prone, jammed side by side, on the edge of a long trench. South Korean military and national policemen then stepped up behind, pointed their rifles at the backs of their heads and fired. The bodies were tipped into the trench.

Trembling policemen—"they hadn't shot anyone before"—were sometimes off-target, leaving men wounded but alive, Lee said. He and others were ordered to check for wounded and finish them off.

Evidence indicates South Korean executioners killed between 3,000 and 7,000 here, said commissioner Kim. A half-dozen trenches, each up to 150 yards long and full of bodies, extended over an area almost a mile long, said Kim Chong-hyun, 70, chairman of a group of bereaved families campaigning for disclosure and compensation for the Daejeon killings. His father, accused but never convicted of militant leftist activity, was one victim.

Another was Yeo Tae-ku's father, whose wife and mother searched for him afterward.

"Bodies were just piled upon each other," said Yeo, 59, remembering his mother's description. "Arms would come off when they turned them over." The desperate women never found him, and the mass graves were quickly covered over, as were others in isolated spots up and down this mountainous peninsula, to be officially "forgotten."

When British communist journalist Alan Winnington entered Daejeon that summer with North Korean troops and visited the site, writing of "waxy dead hands and feet (that) stick through the soil," his reports in the Daily Worker were denounced as "fabrication" by the U.S. Embassy in London. American military accounts focused instead on North Korean reprisal killings that followed in Daejeon.

But CIA and U.S. military intelligence documents circulating even before the Winnington report, classified "secret" and since declassified, told of the executions by the South Koreans. Lt. Col. Bob Edwards, U.S. Embassy military attache in South Korea, wrote in conveying the Daejeon photos to Army intelligence in Washington that he believed nationwide "thousands of political prisoners were executed within (a) few weeks" by the South Koreans.

Another glimpse of the carnage appeared in an unofficial U.S. source, an obscure memoir self-published in 1981 by the late Donald Nichols, a U.S. Air Force intelligence officer, who told of witnessing "the unforgettable massacre of approximately 1,800 at Suwon," 20 miles south of Seoul.

Such reports lend credibility to a captured North Korean document from Aug. 2, 1950, eventually declassified by Washington, which spoke of mass executions in 12 South Korean cities, including 1,000 killed in Suwon and 4,000 in Daejeon.

That early, incomplete North Korean report couldn't include those executed in territory still held by the southerners. Up to 10,000 were killed in the city of Busan alone, a South Korean lawmaker, Park Chan-hyun, estimated in 1960.

His investigation came during a 12-month democratic interlude between the overthrow of Rhee and a government takeover by Maj. Gen. Park Chung-hee's authoritarian military, which quickly arrested many then probing for the hidden story of 1950.

Kim said his projection of at least 100,000 dead is based in part on extrapolating from a survey by non-governmental organizations in one province, Busan's South Gyeongsang, which estimated 25,000 killed there. And initial evidence suggests most of the National Guidance League's 300,000 members were killed, he said.

Commission investigators agree with the late Lt. Col. Edwards' note to Washington in 1950, that "orders for execution undoubtedly came from the top," that is, President Rhee, who died in 1965.

But any documentary proof of that may have been destroyed, just as the facts of the mass killings themselves were buried. In 1953, after the war ended in stalemate, after the deaths of at least 2 million people, half or more of them civilians, a U.S. Army war crimes report attributed all summary executions here in Daejeon to the "murderous barbarism" of North Koreans.

Such myths survived a half-century, in part because those who knew the truth were cowed into silence.

"My mother destroyed all pictures of my father, for fear the family would get an image as leftists," said Koh Chung-ryol, 57, who is convinced her 29-year-old father was innocent of wrongdoing when picked up in a broad police sweep here, to die in Sannae valley.

"My mother tried hard to get rid of anything about her husband," she said. "She suffered unspeakable pain."

Even educated South Koreans remained ignorant of their country's past. As a young researcher in the late 1980s, Yonsei University's Park Myung-lim, today a leading Korean War historian, was deeply shaken as

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This photograph by the U.S. Army, provided by the U.S. National Archives in College Park, Md., on Monday, May 5, 2008, is one of a series of declassified images depicting the summary execution of South Korean political prisoners by the South Korean military and police at Daejeon, South Korea, over several days in July 1950.

Life & Style

Lullaby greets babies' arrival

By BETH WHITEHOUSE
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MELVILLE, N.Y.—It's just like the movie "It's a Wonderful Life."

You know, the part at the end when a bell rings and everybody knows an angel just got his wings?

But in this case, 18 seconds of Brahms' Lullaby plays.

And everyone inside Huntington Hospital knows a baby was just born.

In the maternity ward, a Lucite box covers a red button on the wall, with a Stork Club sign above it. As each new dad walks his newborn from the delivery room to be weighed and measured, he stops, pushes the button, and the gentle notes of the traditional lullaby chime throughout the hospital corridors, laboratories, cafeteria and patient rooms.

"You're pushing a button, but in some small way you're reaching out to everyone and announcing your child is born," says Bill Kramer of East Northport, who did the honors recently after his wife, Johannah, gave birth to Lily.

"I was still in the delivery room," Johannah says, and she heard the strains of music. "They had just taken the baby for weighing. It was just joyful. It was a proud moment emotionally."

Staff, patients and visitors say they often stop what they are doing and are momentarily uplifted as they are reminded of the cycle of life. And if the lullaby plays twice consecutively, well, that means only one thing: twins.

"It just stops everyone in their tracks," says Nina Goldsztejn, the hospital's assistant director of nursing. Many units in the hospital are filled with people who are very sick and don't have so much good news, and, since the hospital installed the system in December, it's been a source of encouragement. "No matter how bad the day is, you hear that and it just makes you feel like, Wow, another baby was born.' It's therapy for everyone else. If it could lift anyone else's spirits, comfort their soul, in that way it's very powerful medicine."

And the hospital is usually dosed with that "powerful medicine" several times a day -- 1,700 babies a year are born at Huntington Hospital, Goldsztejn says. Patients don't have to worry about the lullabies interrupting business as usual -- any emergency page will override the lullaby, she says.

Southampton Hospital in Southampton just installed the system last month. "Some people ask, 'What's that?' and we say, That means a baby was born' and a big smile comes across their face," says Patricia Darcey, chief nursing officer there.

About 200 hospitals nationwide have installed the lullaby button, says Craig Olson, owner of Cotronix, the Minnesota-based company that provides the system. Olson was working for a hospital in Wisconsin about 10 years ago that came up with the idea, and it took off from there, he says.

"Here we go," says new dad Rich Valenti of East Northport one recent morning. He and his wife, Cheryl, pushed the button together at Huntington Hospital to announce the birth of daughter, Antonia. And then came the music, an instrumental version of the lullaby whose lyrics begin, "Lullaby, and goodnight ... ."

"You get all kinds of comments from all over the hospital," says Dr. John Wagner, who delivered Antonia and who is an obstetrician in private practice in Huntington and East Northport. "It just brightens their day a little bit. That, and my colleagues realize how busy we really are down here," Wagner jokes.

"We love it," agrees Mary Beth Charno, a registered nurse in the hospital's oncology unit. "Being an oncology floor, it just gives us a reminder of the cycle of life. We have a lot of patients here who are facing terminal illness. For me, it just lightens things up and reminds me life is coming in as well."

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Rich Valenti of East Northport, N.Y., holds his new daughter, Antonia, as his wife, Cheryl, pushes a button at Huntington Hospital to play an 18-second snippet of Brahms' Lullaby throughout the hospital. The melody signals the birth of a child and inspires hope for many in the hospital who are ill or caring for patients.

THREE WISE GUYS

Dubbing vs. subtitles, jogging, quinine

By JOE HEIM, JUSTIN RUDE and DAN ZAK
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Dear Wise Guys:

If you were wanting to impress your date by taking them to a foreign film, which would be more sophisticated and easier to watch: a dubbed movie or a subtitled one?—Jean-Paul

Dan: Sous-titres, toujours. (Subtitles, always.)

Le doublage n'est jamais correct, sauf dans le programme de Spike TV "MXC," autrefois "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge," ce qui lui donne une forme artistique. (Dubbing is never appropriate, except in Spike TV's "MXC," formerly "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge," where it's an art form.)

Merci pour votre question, vous malfaiteur glouton. (Thanks for your question, sir.)

Joe: Though if your date is blind (as in "can't see" blind not "you haven't met before" blind), you should opt for dubbing over subtitles.

Justin: You can even add a bit of sophistication to otherwise crude Hollywood films by turning on subtitles when watching a DVD. Out of Almodovar? "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" with English subtitles is a good second choice.

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Dear You-Who-Are-So-Wise:

Why is it that some joggers insist on running in the street when there's a sidewalk right there next to the road? I have seen this twice recently during the morning rush hour. And, no, the sidewalks were not crowded with lollygagging walkers. These runners huff and puff along, forcing traffic to avoid them as they pound the asphalt. This seems dangerous, moronic and rude.—Sarah

Joe: I have trouble understanding why joggers insist on running at all. Exerting all that effort just to end up where you started seems an exercise in circumnavigatory self-flagellation.

But putting my laziness aside, I took your question to Adina Wadsworth, president of the Washington Running Club and a self-described "total road runner." For her, running on sidewalks is just plain hazardous.

"The sidewalks are jacked up. You never know when you're going to hit a root or an uneven pavement," she says. Wadsworth also points out that roadways are a more-forgiving surface than sidewalks, which are concrete or brick.

"And you also have to navigate people and dogs and strollers and the occasional skateboard left out there," she says. "I'll take my chances with a car any day."

Dan: I was once running on the sidewalk and was mugged by an infant on a skateboard.

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Dear Wise Guys:

In an attempt to reduce my caffeine addiction, I am cutting back on my go-to alcoholic drinks like bourbon and Coke or Red Bull and vodka, and switching to gin and tonic. However, many tonic bottles carry a disclaimer that the drink contains quinine. What is this? Should I be worried that it will cause cancer or make me sterile? I've heard it prevents malaria, so that makes me sleep easier.—Kevin

Justin: Red Bull and vodka was one of your go-to drinks, and you're worried about the health effects of tonic water? Interesting. Well, quinine is, in fact, a prescription medication used to treat malaria and arthritis. And though it won't affect your ability to procreate, the U.S. National Library of Medicine does list stomach pain, vomiting, dizziness, restlessness, confusion _

Dan: This is beginning to sound like Thanksgiving with my extended family.

Justin: — skin rashes, difficulty breathing, easy bruising, unusual bleeding, fast heartbeat and chest pain among its side effects.

Joe: I had five gin and tonics last night and experienced every one of those ... except confusion.

Justin: It was probably unrelated. You would have to be taking a medicinal quantity of the drug. The amount of quinine used to flavor tonic water is very small, so there's little to worry about unless you're drinking it by the bucket.

Have a question only the Three Wise Guys can answer? Send it to wiseguys@washpost.com and await their words of wise-dom.

Other lullabies fit the bill

By BETH WHITEHOUSE
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Brahms' Lullaby is arguably the best-known lullaby in America, but it's never short on competition. New lullabies come out all the time.

"Standard baby music doesn't really entertain the mom and dad who have to listen to it as well," says Lisa Roth, vice president of CMH Records.

In late April, Roth's company came out with four "Hushabye Baby: Lullaby Renditions of Country Music Favorites" CDs that turn country hits such as Tammy Wynette's "Stand By Your Man" into instrumental lullabies. The CDs are $11.98 each. Here are a couple of other recent lullaby CDs:

Tony-nominated Broadway singer Melissa Errico released "Lullabies & Wildflowers" in April, combining her love of music with her new motherhood experience. (Errico's daughter Victoria, with tennis pro husband Patrick McEnroe, is 2; Errico is pregnant with twins and due in November.) She sings classics such as "Mockingbird" and originals such as "Gentle Child." From Velour Music Group, $16.98.

"It's not so much a CD about putting a baby to bed as it is a lullaby for the moms," says Errico. She wanted to capture the emotion of being a mother without putting fatigued moms "into a coma." Some songs on the sophisticated album are "gently hip," she says, and perfect not just for nighttime but also for late-afternoon gentle playing.

The Putumayo Kids' Dreamland series, which features lullabies from around the world, in April released "African Dreamland." It joins the previous CDs "Asian Dreamland" and "Celtic Dreamland." Cost: $14.98.

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he sought out confidential accounts of those days from ordinary Koreans.

"I cried," he said. "I felt, 'Oh, my goodness. Oh, Jesus. This was my country? It was true?'"

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission can recommend but not award compensation for lost and ruined lives, nor can it bring surviving perpetrators to justice. "Our investigative power is so meager," commission President Ahn Byung-ook told the AP.

His immediate concern is resources. "The current government isn't friendly toward us, and so we're concerned that the budget may be cut next year," he said.

South Korean conservatives complain the "truth" campaign will only reopen old wounds from a time when, even at the village level, leftists and rightists carried out bloody reprisals against each other.

The life of the commission—with a staff of 240 and annual budget of $19 million—is guaranteed by law until at least 2010, when it will issue a final, comprehensive report.

Later this spring and summer its teams will resume digging at mass grave sites. Thus far, it has verified 16 incidents of 1950-51—not just large-scale detainee killings, but also such events as a South Korean battalion's cold-blooded killing of 187 men, women and children at Kochang village, supposed sympathizers with leftist guerrillas.

By exposing the truth of such episodes, "we hope to heal the trauma and pain of the bereaved families," the commission says. It also wants to educate people, "not just in Korea, but throughout the international community," to the reality of that long-ago conflict, to "prevent such a tragic war from re-occurring in the future."

NBC's Tim Russert dies at 58 of heart attack

WASHINGTON (AP)– Tim Russert, a political lifer who made a TV career of his passion with unrelenting questioning of the powerful and influential, died of a heart attack Friday in the midst of a presidential campaign he'd covered with trademark intensity. Praise poured in from the biggest names in politics, some recalling their own meltdown moments on his hot seat.

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This photo provided by NBC shows moderator Tim Russert during the Democratic Presidential Candidates Debate at the Cashman Center in Las Vegas, Nevada in this Jan. 15, 2008.

Russert, 58, was a political operative before he was a journalist. He joined NBC a quarter century ago and ended up as the longest-tenured host of the Sunday talk show "Meet the Press."

He was an election-night fixture, with his whiteboard and scribbled figures, and was moderator for numerous political debates. He wrote two best-selling books, including the much-loved "Big Russ and Me" about his relationship with his father.

He was NBC's Washington bureau chief.

President Bush, informed of Russert's death while at dinner in Paris, saluted him as "a tough and hardworking newsman. He was always well-informed and thorough in his interviews. And he was as gregarious off the set as he was prepared on it."

NBC interrupted its regular programming with news of Russert's death and continued for several hours of coverage without commercial break. The network announced that Tom Brokaw would anchor a special edition of "Meet the Press" on Sunday, dedicated to Russert.

Competitors and friends jumped in with superlative praise and sad recognition of the loss of a key voice during a historic presidential election year. Known as a family man as well, he had been named Father of the Year by parenting organizations.

Familiar NBC faces such as Brokaw, Andrea Mitchell and Brian Williams took turns mourning his loss.

Williams called him "aggressively unfancy."

"Our hearts are broken," said Mitchell, who appeared emotional at times as she recalled her longtime colleague.

Bob Schieffer, Russert's competitor on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the two men delighted in scooping each other.

"When you slipped one past ol' Russert," he said, "you felt as though you had hit a home run off the best pitcher in the league. I just loved Tim and I will miss him more than I can say."

Russert had been recording voiceovers for this Sunday's "Meet The Press" when he was stricken, NBC said. Russert's internist, Michael A. Newman, said cholesterol plaque had ruptured in an artery, causing sudden coronary thrombosis. Resuscitation was begun immediately and continued at Sibley Memorial Hospital, to no avail.

Newman said an autopsy showed that Russert had an enlarged heart, NBC reported. Russert had been diagnosed with asymptomatic coronary artery disease, which he was controlling with medication and exercise, the doctor said.

Russert, of Buffalo, N.Y., took the helm of the Sunday news show in December 1991 and turned it into the nation's most widely watched program of its type. His signature trait was an unrelenting style of questioning that made some politicians reluctant to appear, yet confident that they could claim extra credibility if they survived his grilling intact.

"I can say from experience that joining Tim on "Meet the Press" was one of the greatest tests any public official could face," said Rep. John Boehner, House Republican leader. "Regardless of party affiliation, he demanded that you be straight with him and with the American people who were watching."

Russert was also a senior vice president at NBC, and this year Time magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

He had Buffalo's blue-collar roots, a Jesuit education, a law degree and a Democratic pedigree that came from his turn as an aide to the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York.

Lawmakers from both parties lined up to sing his praises after his sudden death.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Russert was "the best in the business at keeping his interview subjects honest."

"There wasn't a better interviewer in television," Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential contender, told reporters in Ohio.

Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, Obama's rival for the White House, hailed Russert as the "pre-eminent journalist of his generation."

Carl P. Leubsdorf, president of the Gridiron Club, an organization of journalists, said, "It was a measure of the degree to which Tim Russert was respected in the journalistic world that he was the first broadcaster elected to membership in the Gridiron Club after the rules were changed in 2004 to end our century-old restriction to print journalists."

Said longtime colleague Brokaw, the former NBC anchor: "He'll be missed as he was loved - greatly."

He had dozens of honorary college degrees, and numerous professional awards. He won an Emmy for his role in the coverage of President Ronald Reagan's funeral in 2004.

Russert was married to Maureen Orth, a writer for Vanity Fair magazine. The couple had one son, Luke.

Russert and his Sunday morning grilling

By CALVIN WOODWARD
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Public figures brought their talking points to "Meet the Press." Tim Russert brought his laser intensity, a skeptical gaze and facts they'd rather forget.

"Let's watch," Russert would say week after week, the Sunday morning chef about to make the powerful eat their words. "Let's listen."

Out would come the videotape, the audiotape, the old quotes.

You could almost feel the guest squirm.

For the political class, perhaps nothing was more challenging - yet unavoidable - than a Sunday morning in the "Meet the Press" hot seat facing its tenacious host, who died Friday.

John McCain, the Republican presidential candidate, came on the program last month, and left perhaps a little worse for wear.

"You have said repeatedly, 'I know a lot less about economics than I do about military and foreign policy issues,'" Russert began.

"Actually, I don't know where you got that quote from," McCain protested.

"I got it from John McCain and here it is," Russert shot back, evidence at the ready.

Point made. "OK," McCain said. "Let me tell you what I was trying to say and what I meant."

There are other programs where public figures, including presidential candidates, can go to get a soft question or a laugh, and they use them.

They beat a path to "Saturday Night Live," the late-night talk shows, the morning talk shows and Comedy Central.

But sooner or later, and usually more than once, they've had to deal with Russert's quizzical stare, his mountain of research and a style of questioning that most saw as persistent and some saw as badgering.

When Democratic chairman Howard Dean came on to talk about unity in the thick of his party's smackdown primary fight, Russert asked him umpteen probing questions about the mess the Democrats were in.

The host came at the party boss with a battery of "Buts."

"But if, in fact, the nomination was denied to Obama, who won the most elected delegates, could you unite the party?" Russert demanded.

Dean wanted to talk about the bad Republicans.

"But the Democrats are very worried about who's going to be the nominee," Russert probed.

More spin.

"But you yourself have said unless the Democratic Party's united they will have a very difficult time in the fall," Russert pressed.

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** In this Feb. 7, 2004, file photo provided by The White House President Bush is interviewed by NBC's "Meet the Press" moderator Tim Russert, left, in the Oval Office of the White House, the first network television interview of Bush since he was elected to be President of the United States in 2000.

And more.

"But it could become very difficult," Russert shot back.

"Everything can be very difficult in life," Dean said, seeming to give up trying to convey intraparty sweetness and light.

Host of the program since 1991, Russert was known as the hardest-working journalist in Washington. He collapsed Friday at the office, while preparing for the next show, and efforts to revive him at the hospital failed, his internist said.

He became such a fixture that, at one point in the 2000 presidential campaign, candidate George W. Bush insisted he would only accept Russert to moderate a presidential debate.

"The one thing I'm determined to do on the show is not to let the powerbrokers leave without giving an answer," Russert said in 1995.

"I have the sense when I'm out there on 'Meet the Press' that I'm a surrogate for people who get up, go to work, raise a family and don't have the time to read six newspapers a day, read all the books and know all the questions to ask. I want to cut through the fog."

Still, Russert's show took a hit early in the trial of Vice President Dick Cheney's top aide, Scooter Libby.

As the Bush administration assessed how to respond to criticism of how the U.S. went to war in Iraq, Cheney's then-chief press aide, Cathie Martin, listed their best option as putting Cheney on "Meet the Press."

Martin wrote in a memo that the show "is our best format" because "we control the message a little bit more."

Americans came to know a softer side to the hard-edged journalist in what turned out to his later years.

Russert's "Big Russ & Me" was a best-selling memoir of his dad, a sanitation worker and newspaper delivery man, and an account of a happy childhood in Buffalo, N.Y.

Russert sought Big Russ' counsel before he made his first appearance on "Meet the Press," as a panelist, on Sept. 16, 1990.

"Pretend you're talking to me," his dad said. "Don't get too fancy. Don't talk that Washington talk. You've got to talk so people can understand you."

R&B star R. Kelly acquitted in child porn case

By MICHAEL TARM
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHICAGO (AP)—Much was made of whether R. Kelly was the man in the sex tape at the center of his child pornography trial. In the end, the R&B superstar walked away because the jury wasn't convinced the female in the graphic video was the 13-year-old girl who prosecutors said she was.

One juror even said he was certain it was Kelly on the tape. But by no means was that the crux of the charges.

"You want to be 100 percent sure it's Kelly and (the alleged victim)," he said. "What we had wasn't enough."

Panelists said they remained split—seven for acquittal and five for conviction during an early vote—on Friday morning, just a few hours before the verdict. One thing they all agreed on from the start: After bookend viewings of the tape during opening and closing statements, no one needed to see it again.

"I've seen that videotape way too many times," a woman from the panel said, grimacing. "The first time was one too many."

None of the five jurors who spoke after the verdict wanted to be identified.

For Kelly, six years of pretrial delays came down to an agonizing 10 minutes: As a court official began to slowly read the verdict for each of the 14 counts, Kelly clutched the hands of his flanking lawyers. He kept his head down and eyes shut tight, barely moving.

As the official got to the last few counts, tears began streaming down Kelly's face.

"Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus," was all he kept whispering to himself, one of his attorneys, Sam Adam Jr., said.

When it was over, a visibly stunned Kelly dabbed tears from his face with a handkerchief. He stood up and hugged all four defense lawyers.

The South Side native, who had faced up to 15 years in prison had he been convicted, left the courthouse surrounded by bodyguards. He smiled and waved to dozens of cheering fans before climbing into a waiting SUV.

Kelly, who won the Grammy Award in 1997 for the song "I Believe I Can Fly" and whose biggest hits are raunchy ballads like "Ignition," didn't speak to reporters.

His publicist, Allan Mayer, released a statement saying Kelly always knew that "when all the facts came out in court, he would be cleared of these terrible charges. ... all he wants to do is move forward and put it behind him."

In the video, entered into evidence as "People's Exhibit No. 1" on the first day of testimony, a man has sex with a young female, who is naked for most of the recording. She is often blank-faced. The man speaks to her in a hushed voice, and she calls him "Daddy." In one scene, the man urinates on the female.

Kelly and the now 23-year-old alleged victim had denied they were on the videotape. She never testified, nor did her parents, which several jurors cited as a weakness in the prosecution's case.

One juror said he thought the woman's body appeared too developed for 13. Another said prosecutors left too many questions unanswered.

"All of us felt very much the grayness of this case," he said.

Without the alleged victim's testimony, prosecutors relied in part on a witness who said she engaged in three-way sex with Kelly and the girl. Defense attorneys labeled that woman an extortionist, claiming she sought hundreds of thousands of dollars from Kelly in exchange for her silence.

They also argued that the man on the tape didn't have a large mole on his back, as Kelly does. Jurors said the mole argument rarely came up in deliberations and played no role in their verdict.

AP
R&B singer R. Kelly leaves the Cook County Criminal Court Building Friday, June 13, 2008, in Chicago after a jury found him not guilty on all counts in his child pornography trial.

The alleged victim's family also presented a puzzle for the jury. Three relatives testified they did not recognize her as the female on the tape, while other relatives said that it was her.

Despite his legal troubles, Kelly—who rose from poverty on Chicago's South Side to become a star singer, songwriter and producer—still retains a huge following, and his popularity has grown over the years.

Many of his albums have sold in the millions, among them the seven he's released since 2002, the year the sex tape was mailed to a Chicago Sun-Times reporter, who turned it over to authorities. Charges soon followed, but the trial was beset by one delay after another.

His recent efforts include "Trapped in the Closet," a multipart saga about the sexual secrets of an ever-expanding cast of characters; the new song, "Hair Braider"; and a new album that comes out in July.

At his trial, Kelly, always meticulously dressed in a suit and tie, appeared tense at times, furrowing his brow or shaking his head. He seemed particularly ill at ease when prosecutors played the sex tape in court after opening arguments.

Cross examination was often heated. And several witnesses cried on the stand.

The star prosecution witness, Lisa Van Allen, became teary eyed as she told jurors she engaged in several three-way sexual encounters with Kelly and the alleged victim, including once on a basketball court. Kelly videotaped the trysts, she said, and used to carry a duffel bag stuffed full of his homemade sex tapes.

The defense called several witnesses in a bid to discredit Van Allen, accusing her of trying to extort money from Kelly. Under cross-examination, Van Allen admitted she once stole Kelly's $20,000 diamond-studded watch from a hotel.

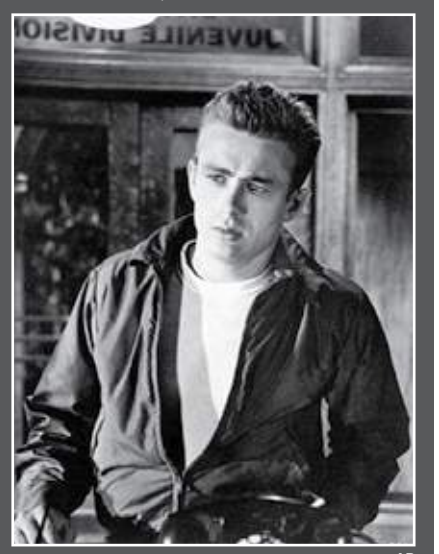
James Dean Gallery moves back to Fairmount

FAIRMOUNT, Ind. (AP)—The James Dean Gallery is back where the 1950s Hollywood icon grew up.

Owner David Loehr moved the gallery back to its original spot in Fairmount, about 50 miles northeast of Indianapolis, after moving it to Gas City, then Auburn for a time.

In 2002, a small electrical fire in the house where the gallery is again located prompted Loehr to think about getting some of his rare Dean collectibles out of the structure.

The gallery moved to a custom-built, state-of-the-art museum at Gas City's Interstate 69 interchange for two years.



AP
In this 1955 file photo, James Dean is shown as Jim Stark in a scene from "Rebel Without A Cause."

"It was great. It was also unsustainable. It got so big, so grand, that it didn't work," Loehr said.

He said he sold some of his memorabilia just to get out of the hole he was in because of the building. Needing a place to house his wares and regroup, Loehr moved the display to the Kruse Automobile Museum in Auburn.

But he decided to move back to the building where he started the gallery in 1988. It features a collection of Dean portraits and rare memorabilia, including hometown artifacts, collectibles, magazines and more.

Dean hit it big with starring roles in "East of Eden," "Rebel" and "Giant," which had just wrapped filming when a station wagon collided with Dean's new silver Porsche Spyder near rural Cholame, Calif., on Sept. 30, 1955. He died instantly.

Loehr is planning new brochures and hopes to market the gallery, which has no admission charge, to Midwestern families looking for a short, affordable day trip.

"James Dean will never die culturally," Loehr said. "There will always be fans."

Bonnaroo opens with Metallica, Chris Rock

By JAKE COYLE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

MANCHESTER, Tenn. (AP)—The smorgasbord of Bonnaroo began in earnest Friday with a packed slate highlighted by the rarest of double bills: Chris Rock followed by Metallica.

It was to be the first appearance for both at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, held annually south of Nashville on a 700-acre countryside site. Neither is exactly standard fare for the festival, which began in 2002 as primarily a jam band event. But in recent years, Bonnaroo has broadened and drawn a crowd more diverse than just hippies.

Still, how Metallica (a big draw this year) and its black-clad fans would mesh with the festival's laid-back vibe was a big question Friday. Also much-discussed was whether M.I.A., the British electronic dance-hall rapper, would show. She recently canceled her upcoming European tour because of exhaustion from touring, but was still expected to perform her Friday evening set.

The notorious Tennessee heat that has in the past made Bonnaroo a chore was thus far bearable. Thundershowers were expected Friday night and Saturday.

Usually sold-out with an attendance of 80,000, this year's Bonnaroo hadn't yet reached capacity, but was overrun with tens of thousands of fans who came from far and wide to camp through the weekend.

"So is everyone having a nice communal experience?" Vampire Weekend lead singer Ezra Koenig asked the crowd. He later added, with perhaps some sarcasm: "You guys, I'm sure, have a full weekend in store of discovering yourselves and others."

The New York-based indie band Vampire Weekend was part of the relatively thin Thursday night slate that also included several comedians, a tradition of Bonnaroo. Janeane Garofalo and Zach Galifianakis were among those performing in the circus-style comedy tent.

"They asked me if I wanted to perform at Bonnaroo and I said, `Will there be a circus tent?'" joked Galifianakis. His comedy often intersects with music; he plays piano during much of his act and he's starred in music videos for Fiona Apple and Kanye West, who's performing late Saturday night at Bonnaroo.

Garofalo said the challenges for a comedian in such an environment can be many.

"Nothing is better for comedy than doing it during the day, having this kind of noise behind you and doing it in a circus tent," she joked.

Also to play Friday were the Raconteurs, Willie Nelson, My Morning Jacket and the Swell Season and the duo of Irish singer-songwriter Glen Hansard and Czech pianist Marketa Irglova - the stars of the film "Once."

Hansard said he's still adjusting to being the co-winner—along with Irglova—of the Academy Award for best original song ("Falling Slowly" from "Once").

"It's a new personality to try on or a new set of clothes to try on," said Hansard, who was less famous as the lead singer of the Frames. "Everything you've been is basically over. ... Sometimes it feels more comfortable having potential rather than having accreditation."

Bill Cosby to get in some licks on drums at jazz festival

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill Cosby quips that he gave up his dreams of becoming a professional jazz drummer and turned to comedy after seeing how easily the pioneer bebop drummer Max Roach handled rhythmically complex tunes that he struggled to get through.

"I finally went to see Max play and he played a song `Parisian Thoroughfare' that Bud Powell wrote," said Cosby. "Max sat there so relaxed and playing it like he was wiping off a table top or something. And I said, `No, no. I got to be funny."

Despite that career detour, Cosby will be master of ceremonies at the 30th Playboy Jazz Festival on Saturday and Sunday—and he'll get in some licks on drums with his band Cos of Good Music before thousands of people packing the Hollywood Bowl.

Cosby, 70, thought about retiring from his M.C. role when he skipped the 2005 festival, but he missed it so much that he was back again the following year. Now he's instructed his agent not to book him anywhere else on the June festival weekend.

The comedian's friendship with Hugh Hefner dates back to 1963 when he was making his Chicago nightclub debut and received an invitation to a party at the Playboy Mansion. Hefner had no trouble persuading him to host the first Playboy Jazz Festival in 1979 and he's only missed three since then.

"We've been buddies since the '60s and we both love jazz," said Hefner. "It's just a natural."

Since 1995, Cosby has been performing regularly at the festival with Cos of Good Music, choosing the musicians and repertoire each year. He leaves the heavy lifting on drums to the veteran Ndugu Chancler.

This year Cosby plans to pay tribute to his fellow Philadelphian, Jimmy McGriff, who died last month, by opening his set with one of the jazz organist's biggest hits, "I've Got a Woman," which he describes as "a fast, popping, storefront church tambourine thing." And he has selected the fast tempo "Limehouse Blues" to honor his friend Roach, who died last year.

Hastily-called hearing held in Spears custody case

AP

In this Dec. 1, 2007 file photo, singer Britney Spears poses on the press line at the Scandinavian Style Mansion party in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An unscheduled hearing in the Britney Spears custody case Friday yielded no change in the arrangement between the pop star and ex-husband Kevin Federline.

The hearing was closed and all documents were ordered sealed until a hearing later this month. A court spokeswoman says no rulings were made.

Spears' attorney declined to comment after they concluded Friday. Mark Kaplan, an attorney representing Spears' husband, Kevin Federline, attended the hearing via speakerphone.

Neither Spears nor Federline appeared.

Last month, a court commissioner granted Spears expanded visitation with her children. Federline took control of the toddlers after several highly publicized instances of erratic behavior by the 26-year-old singer.

Moore to publish his 'Election Guide'

NEW YORK (AP)—Take cover, McCain. You too, Obama. Michael Moore is coming out with a new book.

The tome, titled "Mike's Election Guide," a manual of mockery for the 2008 presidential election, will be published Aug. 19 by Grand Central Publishing, Jimmy Franco, a spokesman for the publisher, said Friday.

Promotional material for the book reads: "Perfectly timed to coincide with the national political conventions—and to capitalize on massive campaign coverage."

Moore, 54, won an Academy Award for best documentary with his 2002 gun-control film "Bowling for Columbine," and famously lashed out at President Bush in his acceptance speech. Ahead of 2004's election, the director-activist released "Fahrenheit 9/11," his top-grossing film damning the war in Iraq.

Moore's previous book—2003's "Dude, Where's My Country?"—sold more than a million copies.

Fox News refers to Mrs. Obama as 'baby mama'

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News Channel referred to Michelle Obama as "Obama's baby mama" in a graphic on Wednesday, the latest in a trio of references to the Democratic presidential campaign that have given fuel to network critics.

The graphic "Outraged liberals: Stop picking on Obama's baby mama" was flashed during an interview with conservative columnist Michelle Malkin about whether Barack Obama's wife has been the target of unfair criticism.

In the past two weeks, Fox anchor E.D. Hill has apologized for referring to an affectionate onstage fist bump shared by the couple as a "terrorist fist jab," and Fox contributor Liz Trotta said she was sorry for joking about an Obama assassination.

The incidents are further indications of how closely the endless cable campaign chatter is being watched this year. Hillary Clinton's campaign was angered by what it described as the pro-Obama tilt of some MSNBC commentators. Amid protests, MSNBC's Chris Matthews said he was wrong this winter to say Clinton was a candidate because "her husband messed around." And MSNBC reporter David Shuster was suspended for two weeks for saying Clinton's campaign had "pimped out" daughter Chelsea by having her make political phone calls.

"Obama's baby mama" was never said on the air. Malkin said during her interview that she had seen no gratuitous or cheap shots taken against Michelle Obama by Republican or conservative critics.

Joan Walsh, a columnist from Salon.com, criticized the graphic on Thursday as a slur.

"Do you try to explain that 'baby mama' is slang for the unmarried mother of a man's child, and not his wife, or even a girlfriend?" Walsh wrote. "Are they racist, or just clueless? Isn't there racism even in their cluelessness, if somebody didn't know what `baby mama' means, but used it anyway? Even at Fox, won't somebody have to apologize?"

"Baby Mama" also was the title of a recent movie about a woman who hired a surrogate to bear a child. It starred Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, both of whom are white.

Witherspoon-Phillippe divorce clears final hurdle

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reese Witherspoon has sealed another deal: her divorce from fellow actor Ryan Phillippe. Documents filed Thursday in Los Angeles show the pair have resolved the remaining issues of their split. Exact details weren't filed, though the pair had indicated they wanted joint custody of their children, ages 8 and 4.

They opted for an uncontested divorce, which kept many of its particulars private.

Witherspoon cited "irreconcilable differences" when she filed for divorce in November 2006 after seven years of marriage.

The "Legally Blonde" actress won the best-actress Academy Award in 2006 for her portrayal of June Carter Cash in "Walk the Line." Phillippe, who appeared in "Igby Goes Down" and "Crash," most recently starred in "Stop-Loss."

Publicists for both actors didn't immediately return calls from The Associated Press on Friday.

In this March 5, 2006 file photo, Ryan Phillippe arrives with his wife Reese Witherspoon at the Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

AP

Voight

Voight to play villain on Fox's '24'

NEW YORK (AP)—Jon Voight has been cast as the villain on the upcoming season of the Fox drama "24." The seventh season kicks off in January, though Voight will make his first appearance during a two-hour "prequel" episode to air in November, Chris Alexander, a spokesman for the show, said Friday.

The 69-year-old actor's character will resurface in the second half of the regular season, Alexander said.

"I am thrilled and excited about being invited to be part of my favorite show `24,'" Voight said in a statement Friday. "I'm hoping to bring my very best to it."

The actor's previous TV experience includes the classic Western "Gunsmoke," in which he appeared in several episodes during the 1960s.

Voight, also known as the father of Angelina Jolie, won an Academy Award for best actor for the 1978 film "Coming Home," and has been nominated three other times for "Midnight Cowboy," "Runaway Train" and "Ali."

His big-screen credits include "Deliverance," "Mission: Impossible," "Transformers" and the "National Treasure" movies.

Tribute to stepfathers pays homage to overlooked dads

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: On Father's Day many stepdads are often underappreciated or excluded, so I wrote this poem to honor these unsung heroes. I hope you'll put it in your column, so my husband—and other stepdads everywhere—will know it was written for them.

LESLEY STITT, ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR LESLEY: In these times when blended families are common, your tribute is clever, appropriate, and certainly worth space in my column. Read on:

NOT HER FATHER
Hey, it's really not "your day."
I just don't know what else to say
Because, you see, you're just a "step,"
You're not her dad—you're just a "rep,"
—A stand-in really, rest assured
You're only there to be endured.

Oh! Unless she needs a ride,
Or someone there to take her side,
And please have money you can lend;
'Cause that's when you will have a friend.
She's NOT your daughter, though, be clear;
You're not her dad, just someone here.

There's really lots for you to do;
And you get all the "good jobs," too;
You get to worry when she's late,
Pick her up from her late date,
Comfort her when she's in tears,
And try to calm her teenage fears.

And you will get to love her, too,
Even though she won't love you.
You'll get to care for her each day,
And see my daughter doesn't stray
From rules that you will get to make—
She won't admit they're for her sake!

She thinks stepdads just aren't "fun,"
You're just as boring as her mom.
You're only there (you must concede)
To see that she's got all she needs!
Father's Day? Nah, she won't bother
Thanking you—you're not her father!

So let me do it in her stead,
As I have done since we were wed.
Thanks for all the things you do,
And all you are—I love you, too.
Happy Father's Day.

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DEAR ABBY: Our mah-jong group has three older women. Our fourth member died recently. We have three substitutes, one of whom wants to become the permanent fourth member. But she's rude and demeaning to one of the other substitutes, of whom she's apparently jealous. How do we tell "Troublemaker" we no longer want her to play, even as a sub?

SEEKING HARMONY IN SCOTTSDALE

DEAR SEEKING HARMONY: It shouldn't be too difficult. Ask one of the other substitutes to become the permanent member, and I predict the insecure "Troublemaker" will "punish" you by becoming unavailable.

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TO FATHERS EVERYWHERE—BIRTH FATHERS, STEPFATHERS, FOSTER FATHERS, TOO: Happy Father's Day to all of you! In addition, I extend good wishes to those caring men who donate their time mentoring youngsters whose parents are absent or deceased. The most precious gift a person can give is a gift of self, and the difference you make is immeasurable.

P.S. To Morton B. in Minneapolis: Happy Father's Day, Pop!

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Lakers take a break after their colossal collapse

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—A day after the Lakers' colossal collapse in Game 4 of the NBA finals, coach Phil Jackson canceled practice.

For psychological reasons.

"You know, just in the checking out of how the guys were and how they felt, I just felt it was a good idea," Jackson explained Friday at the team's practice facility. "We have two days to work on the things we need to work on.

"We have guys that are well-conditioned at this time, and we need rest and recuperation in this situation, probably more psychologically than we do physically."

Jackson said he sent the players home after a brief get-together that included watching some of Thursday night's debacle against the Boston Celtics.

"I told them that the series is not over and we want to force the action," said Jackson, whose opportunity for an NBA-record 10th championship ring as a head coach appears to be slipping away—at least for now.

"We watched some tape, we looked at the first half. Obviously we were successful in the first half and did some things that got a lead for us, and I wanted to explain to them that they were the same ballclub, the same personnel that went out there in the second half, and if they can get that kind of a lead, they can maintain that kind of a game if they really put their minds to it."

As Jackson said, the Lakers played a terrific first half Thursday night, and that extended halfway through the third quarter, when they held a 70-50 lead. A second straight victory seemed assured, and the Lakers would have all the momentum heading into Game 5.

Suddenly, the Celtics turned the game around, an especially shocking development since the Lakers were playing at Staples Center, where they had a 9-0 record in the postseason and hadn't lost since March 28.

The Celtics outscored the Lakers 47-21 to finish the game for a 97-91 victory and a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. That's an obstacle no team has overcome in the finals.

Now what? Apparently no lineup or rotation changes.

"No, not at this point," Jackson said. "But we're likely to do—pull out everything as this series goes along."

No telling how long that will be. The Lakers need a win Sunday night at Staples Center and two more in Boston to win their 15th championship and enable Jackson to surpass former Celtics coach Red Auerbach, who also had nine championship rings as a head coach. Auerbach died in October 2006.

Jackson said he's counting on the resilience of the players to help them bounce back from the biggest collapse in finals history since the Elias Sports Bureau began keeping detailed records in the 1970-71 season. The Lakers led by as many as 24 points, 45-21, in the second quarter.

"I don't think there's any doubt that if we had to play this morning, we probably wouldn't feel that great about playing this morning, but fortunately, we're not playing until Sunday, and we'll be back ready to go by Sunday," Jackson said. "I just told them as a team, they had their hearts ripped out. It's tough to recover from that, but they will."

AP

Los Angeles Lakers head coach Phil Jackson speaks to the media during a news conference in El Segundo, Calif., at the Lakers' training facility Friday June 13, 2008. The Boston Celtics beat the Lakers in Game 4 of the NBA Finals and are one loss away from losing the championship.

Jackson also said he told his players that everybody involved probably feels they have some responsibility, including equipment manager Rudy Garciduenas, who "probably thought he put the wrong Tide in the uniforms."

"That's what you mull as a coach over in your mind at 1 or 5 in the morning after a situation like that, what could have we done differently," Jackson said. "But the other aspect is that you've got to give credit where credit is due."

Jackson said some little things jumped out when he watched the game tape.

"Pau (Gasol) had a situation where he had a dunk and it came out, or it was blocked or there was a foul; there's action in that situation," the coach said. "He didn't go perhaps hard enough to the basket in one of those situations. But that turned out to be a critical play. That's right where we could have gone from 12 to 14 and instead we go from 12 to 10."

"There's some little key plays right there at the end of the third quarter that changed the energy that they were able to bring, the hope that they were able to bring. Any team that's down that deep says, `Let's just get it back to 10 points, let's not try to make it up all in a row or in a hurry.' Not only were they able to get it back to 10 points, they were able to get it back almost entirely by the end of the third quarter. Those are the things that inspired their team."

The Celtics outscored the Lakers 21-3 in the last 6 minutes of the third period to draw within two points, and weren't behind by more than four after that. An 11-2 run gave Boston a five-point lead with 2:10 remaining, and the Lakers weren't closer than two after that.

"It's a humbling experience, to be putting the pressure on them and then to be sitting in here thinking about how we're going to come back from 3-1," Lamar Odom said after the game in a hushed Lakers' dressing room. "They beat us in the second half with their second effort, every way you can basically lose a game."

Woods fires 68, 1 shot behind Appleby at US Open

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Tiger Woods looked like any other player trying to survive a U.S. Open, head bowed in frustration with each shot that found trouble and kept him farther from the lead. One hole changed everything.

With his metal spikes on a cement path and a tree over his head, he fired an 8-iron around the branches and over the bunker to 18 feet for a birdie that sent him charging into contention at Torrey Pines on Friday.

He never missed another fairway or another green. He found a rhythm that made it hard to believe he had been missing for two months while recovering from knee surgery. And with four more birdies for a 30 on the back nine, Woods rallied for a 3-under 68 that left him one shot behind Stuart Appleby.

"I felt that if I played well in that back nine, I could definitely get back to even par for the tournament and I would be right back in the championship," Woods said. "And all of a sudden, I started running them in from everywhere."

He made a 20-foot birdie on No. 2, then a 25-foot birdie up the slope on No. 4, swiping the air with a clenched fist. Facing a slick putt from 18 feet above the cup on the fifth hole, it broke sharply toward the ocean at the end and disappeared for another birdie.

Even on a sore knee, Woods hit his stride.

"He wants to play some golf, we want to play some golf," Appleby said, and then he joked: "And I'll be doing my best to accidentally throw a club toward his sore knee. It will be an accident, of course."

Appleby had reason to smile.

He recovered from consecutive bogeys early on his back nine with birdies on the par 5s, none bigger than the 18th. He laid up into a divot and left his wedge at the bottom of the green, 45 feet away. Appleby was just trying to get it close and get off the course with a share of the lead when it dropped in for an unlikely birdie.

That gave him a 70 and his first lead in a major since he was one shot ahead of Woods going into the final round of the 2007 Masters.

Appleby was at 3-under 139 and will play in the final group—in prime time on the East Coast—with Rocco Mediate, who seems to play his best in the toughest conditions. Mediate reached 4-under at one point before settling for a 71, one shot behind at 140.

Woods will play with Robert Karlsson, whom he defeated in a meaningless Ryder Cup match two years ago. Karlsson shot 70.

Phil Mickelson had trouble keeping his 3-wood in the fairway, made six bogeys and shot 75 to fall seven shots behind.

Everything changed so quickly.

Woods winced and slumped his shoulders when his tee shot found the bunker on the par-3 16th, leading to bogey. Then came another shot into the greenside bunker on the 17th, and another bogey. And his tee shot on the 18th, where the tees were moved forward, landed in the bunker and made him settle for par.

That put him 3 over for the tournament at the turn, six shots behind.

"I feel like I lost three shots there, because I bogeyed 16, 17 and then I don't make a birdie on 18," Woods said. "I said, 'If I clean up the back nine, I should be able to get back to even par for the tournament. And I ended up two better than that."

He had four other good looks for birdie on his back nine, but no complaints.

"I shot 30 on my back nine in a U.S. Open," Woods said. "That's not too bad."

Better than that. It was just one stroke more than the U.S. Open record for nine holes, last done by Vijay Singh in 2003.

Appleby, Mediate and Karlsson were jostling for the lead throughout the afternoon, and Appleby finally grabbed it on his final hole. That also ended the tournament for 11 players who were more than 10 shots out of the lead, the cut falling to 7-over.

Woods was on the opposite side of the course, and despite the famous "June Gloom" layer of fog that blanketed Torrey Pines, he was easy to find. A high-charged gallery, crammed in the bleachers and behind the ropes, rose to their feet with every birdie.

He finished his round with a fairway metal that hung in the gray skies and landed on the green at the par-5 ninth, running just over the back. Woods chipped to 6 feet and made the birdie, just moments after Appleby had made his on the 18th.

"I was just hanging around, hanging around," Woods said. "This golf course will bite you quick. You've just got to hang in there and stay patient."

Woods almost always bites back at Torrey Pines, where he has won the Buick Invitational a record six times. This one is far more meaningful, and his late charge left him in great position to chase a U.S. Open title that has eluded him since 2002 at Bethpage Black, the last time it was held on a municipal golf course.

Mickelson, a San Diego native and three-time winner at Torrey Pines, could not keep up in the featured pairing with Woods.

He again played without a driver in the bag, and this time it might have hurt him. Lefty could not reach the par-5 13th, where Woods got home in two and made eagle, and he was 30 yards behind Woods on the sixth hole, putting his approach on the tongue of a bunker that led to one of his six bogeys.

Mickelson was at 4-over 146 and in a tie for 35th in a hometown U.S. Open he called a "once in a lifetime" chance.

Only eight players remained under par on a city-owned golf course that has been universally praised as fair—a word seldom heard at the U.S. Open—but not necessarily easy.

Woods and a few others only made it look that way.

Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain made a quiet charge, and his birdie on the par-5 ninth—three groups behind the circus following the top three players in the world—gave him a tournament-best 66. He was at 1-under 141, along with Lee Westwood of England (71), Davis Love III (69) and D.J. Trahan (69).

"If you're 1 under par through two rounds in a U.S. Open, you're doing something right," Trahan said. "Like anybody will tell you, this isn't a birdie contest. This is a survival contest."

Rolen, Staits get back-to-back homers as Blue Jays edge Cubs

TORONTO (AP)—Scott Rolen and Matt Stairs hit back-to-back home runs as the Toronto Blue Jays edged the Chicago Cubs 3-2 in Major League Baseball interleague play on Friday.

Toronto pitcher A.J. Burnett won for the first time in four starts and improved to 3-0 in four career starts against the Cubs.

The Cubs, which have the majors best record, lost a series-opening game for the first time in five weeks, ending a run of 10 such wins.

Stairs and Rolen homered in the third, the first time this season the Blue Jays hit back-to-back homers.

Reds 3, Red Sox 1

In Cincinatti, the home team beat Boston in the Red Sox first game in Cincinatti since the 1975 World Series.

Jay Bruce and Adam Dunn hit solo homers and Aaron Harang got his first victory in a month for the Reds.

The match brought back memories of the 1975 World Series, which the Reds won in Game 7 following Carlton Fisk's dramatic homer won Game 6 for Boston.

Harang had lost his previous four starts. Coming off his worst performance of the season—eight runs in 5 1-3 innings—he allowed only one run over seven.

Rays 7, Marlins 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Eric Hinske and Dioner Navarro both drove in two runs to lead Tampa Bay past state rivals Florida.

Hinske's first-inning double wiped out a two-run Marlins lead.

Navarro's RBI grounder put Tampa Bay up 5-3 in the fifth, then he added a run-scoring single in the eighth.

Braves 5, Angels 2

In Anaheim, California, Gregor Blanco was 3-for-4 with two RBI singles as Atlanta won its first game in Anaheim.

Jeff Francoeur and Omar Infante had RBI doubles for the Braves.

Braves third baseman Chipper Jones, who leads the majors with a .414 batting average, was scratched from the lineup after being struck under his left eye by a foul ball during batting practice.

It was only the eighth road win of the season for Atlanta, which has the majors' worst away record.

White Sox 5, Rockies 4

In Chicago, the home team rallied with three runs in the seventh inning to edge Colorado.

With the White Sox trailing 4-2 in the seventh, Juan Uribe drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single and scored from third on A.J. Pierzynski's single that hit off the Rockies shortstop.

The win was the ninth straight at home for Chicago.

The teams combined for six solo homers.

Twins 10, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Kevin Slowey pitched eight effective innings and hit a two-run single—his first career hit—to lead Minnesota over Milwaukee.

The win was respite for the Twins on a previously miserable road trip that began with six losses in seven games, conceding 10 runs or more in four of those games.

Slowey ensured his batters had an easier task Friday, as he allowed only two runs, looking little like the pitcher who had been shelled for 12 runs in nine innings in his previous two starts.

The Brewers had won six straight at home.

Yankees 2, Astros 1

In Houston, Derek Jeter hit a solo homer in the eighth inning as New York edged Houston.

Joba Chamberlain pitched six strong innings in his first career road start, allowing six hits.

Astros reliever Doug Brocail started the eighth, and Jeter drove his second pitch for his fourth homer of the season.

Orioles 9, Pirates 6

In Baltimore, the home team rallied from a five-run deficit to down Pittsburgh.

Luke Scott homered and Melvin Mora had three hits and a key RBI for the Orioles.

A three-run homer put Pittsburgh up 6-1 in the third inning before the home team came back.

Mets 7, Rangers 1

In New York, Oliver Perez pitched seven stellar innings and drove in two runs as New York beat Texas for a much-needed win.

Victory gave embattled Mets manager Willie Randolph some breathing space and momentarily eased the tension in a clubhouse desperate for something good to happen. New York had lost six of its past seven and rumors were ramping up again that Randolph's job was on the line.

The Rangers did not live up to their record as the best hitting club in the American League, getting just three hits in their first game against the Mets at Shea Stadium.

Athletics 5, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Oakland pitcher Greg Smith won for only the second time in his past nine starts and got his first career hit as the A's beat neighbor San Francisco.

Smith overcame a season-high six walks to outduel San Franciso's Barry Zito—a former Oakland ace—in a matchup of struggling pitchers.

The A's have won four straight against the Giants, matching their longest streak ever against their cross-Bay rivals.

Diamondbacks 1, Royals 0, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Chad Tracy homered in the bottom of the 10th inning as Arizona denied Kansas City.

The Diamondbacks played their franchise-record third straight extra-inning game, winning the past two.

Arizona won despite managing only five hits and leaving 12 runners on base.

Tracy drove an 1-out, 0-2 pitch into the right-field stands for his first career walkoff homer.

Indians 9, Padres 5

In Cleveland, Grady Sizemore hit two home runs more than five hours apart as Cleveland overcame a long rain delay and San Diego to claim victory.

It was Sizemore's third multihomer game this season and fourth of his career. He hit the third pitch of the game for his 15th homer, and fifth in the first at-bat of a game this year, tying the team record.

After a two and three-quarter hour rain delay, Sizemore connected for a two-run shot in the seventh. It was his fourth homer in three nights.

Tigers 5, Dodgers 0

In Detroit, the home team posted its fourth straight win by shutting out Los Angeles.

Tigers pitchers Armando Galarraga and Freddy Dolsi combined on a three-hitter, and Marcus Thames and Magglio Ordonez both homered.

The Dodgers lost a third straight game. They have a .138 average in those games, and scored just one run.

Galarraga allowed three hits in seven innings, striking out five. Dolsi retired six straight for his second save.

Thames led off the fifth with his eighth homer, and Ordonez's shot came in the eighth.

Nationals 7, Mariners 6

In Seattle, a clash of two teams with their league's respective worst records saw Washington edge Seattle.

Jesus Flores hit a two-run double and Ronnie Belliard had a two-run single as the Nationals got six runs, five hits and two walks in the second inning.

The Mariners, who had lost six of seven, scored twice in the third inning on five consecutive singles, and cut the lead to 7-6 in the eighth.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	42	28	.600	_
Tampa Bay	39	28	.582	1 1/2
New York	35	33	.515	6
Toronto	35	34	.507	6 1/2
Baltimore	33	33	.500	7

Central Division

Chicago	38	29	.567	_
Minnesota	33	35	.485	5 1/2
Cleveland	32	36	.471	6 1/2
Detroit	30	37	.448	8
Kansas City	26	42	.382	12 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	41	27	.603	_
Oakland	36	31	.537	4 1/2
Texas	34	35	.493	7 1/2
Seattle	24	43	.358	16 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	41	28	.594	_
Florida	36	31	.537	4
Atlanta	33	35	.485	7 1/2
New York	32	34	.485	7 1/2
Washington	27	42	.391	14

Central Division

Chicago	43	25	.632	_
St. Louis	40	29	.580	3 1/2
Milwaukee	35	32	.522	7 1/2
Houston	33	35	.485	10
Pittsburgh	33	35	.485	10
Cincinnati	33	36	.478	10 1/2

West Division

Arizona	37	31	.544	_
Los Angeles	31	36	.463	5 1/2
San Francisco	30	38	.441	7
San Diego	30	39	.435	7 1/2
Colorado	26	41	.388	10 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Detroit 5, L.A. Dodgers 0
Cleveland 9, San Diego 5
Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 6
Toronto 3, Chicago Cubs 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Texas 1
Tampa Bay 7, Florida 3
Cincinnati 3, Boston 1
Minnesota 10, Milwaukee 2
N.Y. Yankees 2, Houston 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Colorado 4
Philadelphia 20, St. Louis 2
Arizona 1, Kansas City 0, 10 innings
Atlanta 5, L.A. Angels 2
Washington 7, Seattle 6
Oakland 5, San Francisco 1

U.S. OPEN SCORES

SAN DIEGO (AP)–Scores Friday after the second round of the U.S. Open golf championship on Torrey Pines' 7,643-yard, par-71 South Course. Purse to be announced, last year $7 million. (a-amateur):

SECOND ROUND

Stuart Appleby	69-70	139
Rocco Mediate	69-71	140
Robert Karlsson	70-70	140
Tiger Woods	72-68	140
D.J. Trahan	72-69	141
Davis Love III	72-69	141
Lee Westwood	70-71	141
Miguel Angel Jimenez	75-66	141
Luke Donald	71-71	142
Geoff Ogilvy	69-73	142
Ernie Els	70-72	142
Robert Allenby	70-72	142
Carl Pettersson	71-71	142
John Rollins	75-68	143
Oliver Wilson	72-71	143
Rob Dinwiddie	73-71	144
Camilo Villegas	73-71	144
Scott Verplank	72-72	144
Woody Austin	72-72	144
Rod Pampling	74-70	144
Andres Romero	74-70	144
Kevin Streelman	68-77	145
Bart Bryant	75-70	145
Martin Kaymer	75-70	145
Rory Sabbatini	73-72	145
John Merrick	73-72	145
Stewart Cink	72-73	145
Retief Goosen	76-69	145
Padraig Harrington	78-67	145
Jim Furyk	74-71	145
Tim Clark	73-72	145
D.A. Points	74-71	145
Patrick Sheehan	71-74	145
Brett Quigley	73-72	145
Hunter Mahan	72-74	146
Sergio Garcia	76-70	146
a-Derek Fathauer	73-73	146
Matt Kuchar	73-73	146
Dustin Johnson	74-72	146
Adam Scott	73-73	146
Phil Mickelson	71-75	146
Justin Leonard	75-72	147
Jon Mills	72-75	147
Mike Weir	73-74	147
Aaron Baddeley	74-73	147
a-Mike Thompson	74-73	147
Ben Crane	75-72	147
Joe Ogilvie	71-76	147
David Toms	76-72	148
John Mallinger	73-75	148
Ross McGowan	76-72	148
Ian Leggatt	72-76	148
Trevor Immelman	75-73	148
Stephen Ames	74-74	148
Andrew Svoboda	77-71	148
Brandt Jobe	73-75	148
Justin Hicks	68-80	148
Pat Perez	75-73	148
Nick Watney	73-75	148
Soren Hansen	78-70	148
Daniel Chopra	73-75	148
Eric Axley	69-79	148
Rich Beem	74-74	148
Todd Hamilton	74-74	148
Chad Campbell	77-72	149
Paul Casey	79-70	149
Jeff Quinney	79-70	149
Alastair Forsyth	76-73	149
Andrew Dresser	76-73	149
Jarrod Lyle	75-74	149
Vijay Singh	71-78	149
Brandt Snedeker	76-73	149
Steve Stricker	73-76	149
Heath Slocum	75-74	149
a-Rickie Fowler	70-79	149
Chris Kirk	75-74	149
Jesper Parnevik	77-72	149
Boo Weekley	73-76	149
Anthony Kim	74-75	149
Ryuji Imada	74-75	149

By The Associated Press

15 OF FAME

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coming MHS Okies, 16-14.

15 of Fame surprisingly had a tough time against a Fatingali team that was in all sorts of trouble in its previous game. 15 of Fame eventually nosed out Fatingali though in a score of 15-12.

In the battle for third, Fatingali salvaged second runner-up honors with a 15-12 triumph over Angan.

J.R. Gechi of Kiss My Pass was named Miller Lite 4-Person Beach Volleyball League MVP after leading his team to the pennant championship, while Felicia McFarland of Herbalizers received the Most Improved Player award.

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Woo Suk Chang in the boys' 18-and-under; Mayuko Arriola, Dina Jones, and Theecel Minor in the girls' 18-and-under; and Thea Minor, Amy Arenovski, and Jean Bracken in the girls' 13-and-under.

Race said he expects the singles portion of the 2008 NPQ to run from June 16 to 19 with doubles play set on Friday, June 20.

Conspicuously missing from the team is Vivien Lee, who finished runner-up to Arriola in last month's 2008 DFS Micronesian Tennis Championships. Race said Lee didn't had enough points to qualify for the event, after not playing in local NMITA tournaments for more than a year.

He, however, said Lee is always welcome to join future teams to the NPQ since she is a very good player.

The Top 3 finishers in the boys' and girls 18-and-under and boys' and girls' 13-and-under advance to the 2008 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji, next month.

The islands' top junior player, Ji Hoon Heo, already has an automatic entry on the North Pacific Team this year and so will not play the NPQ, but instead head to Fiji then to New Caledonia for an ITF event.

NMIVA

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The coaches clinic will be held from Aug. 18 to 25.

Peterka added that FIVB will be sending Tomas Santamaria from Australia to serve as the instructor for FIVB Coaches Course Level I-How to Coach.

"We would like to open this opportunity to as many interested persons as possible," she added.

For more information about the FIVB Coaches Course Level I set for August, email Laurie Peterka at laurie.peterka@saipan.com.

NMIVA is the CNMI's umbrella volleyball association covering all aspects of indoor and outdoor games and players.

NMIVA is a bona fide current member of FIVB and the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association. All of its fundraisers put money into the development of volleyball in the CNMI.

Those wishing to become a member can do so for only $20 a year and that entitles you to regular email updates and discounts on all NMIVA-sanctioned volleyball events throughout the year.

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puhoe Tahi, Terootae Urarii, and Toriki Urarii, Solomon Islands' Jack Iroga, Francis Maniouru, William Taloga, and Chris Walasi, and Vanuatu's David Benjamin, Moses Kamut, and Arnold Sorina.

The 2008 Oceania Grand Prix will be held on June 21 and 23, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Oleai Track and Field Facility inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

The Week in Sports

Saipan Little Leaguers, PIC are week's best

MARK RABAGO

The Saipan and Tinian Junior All-Stars pose at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field following their championship game in the 2008 CNMI Junior League District Tournament last Sunday. Saipan shutout Tinian 10-0 in the mercy-rule shortened title game.

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The Saipan Little League All-Star teams in the Junior, Senior, and Major divisions advanced to their respective regional tournaments after dominating their opponents from Tinian and Rota last week.

The Saipan Junior All-Stars were the first to book a ticket to the 2008 Asia-Pacific Junior League Tournament after an 11-0 shutout of Tinian Sunday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Saipan's best 9-12-year-old ballplayers then advanced to the 2008 Asia-Pacific Major League Tournament in Hong Kong after beating Rota, 11-1, Friday at the Joaquin Ogo Sr. Baseball Field in Sinapalo.

The island's Senior All-Stars, meanwhile, blasted Rota yesterday but complete results from the championship game was still not available as of press time.

In the 2008 Women's Recreational Spring Football League, Pacific Islands Club's Paradise In Cleats captain Brenda Schultz booted her team to the championship after scoring the marginal goal in overtime against Matt Smith's Smithereens last June 7 at the CPA Airport Field.

After both teams finished the 80-minute game all tied up at 1-1, Shultz found the back of the net following a strong penalty kick in the five-minute mark of the first 15-minute overtime. The goal was Schultz's second of the game.

Preparations for the 2008 Oceania Championships, meanwhile, is fast heating up and will be more so in the next couple of days, especially with the arrival Friday of Oceania Athletics Association executive secretary Yvonne Mullins and Tahiti representative Titaua Juventin.

More than 70 swimmers, parents, and supporters of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan, meanwhile, crammed Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret during the club's first anniversary party last June 7.

Krystal SaipanCell Hustlers, for its part, was feted last Sunday during the 2008 Winter/Spring Budweiser SBA Open 8-Ball League awards banquet also at Charley's Cabaret.

Kiss My Pass also made waves last week after winning the pennant of the 2008 Miller Lite 4-Person Beach Volleyball League. It finished the regular season with a 13-1 win-loss record, its only setback came courtesy of runner-up Fatingali.

In bowling, Paul Pangelinan (Class A), Allan Hernandez (Class B), and Ed Echavez (Class C) topped their divisions in the first week of the 2008 Philippine Bowling Association Classified Tournament held last Sunday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

The past week also saw action continue in the PTI Inter-Government Business Basketball League and 3rd Annual Budweiser-Saipan Major League even as the Inaugural FMI Inter-Color Basketball League entered its playoff round Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Rep. Ramon Tebuteb throws the ceremonial first pitch to usher the start of the 2008 CNMI Junior League District Tournament last June 7 at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

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With Tinian Little League president Ike Aquiningoc serving as catcher and Saipan Little League president Juan I. Tenorio as umpire, House Speaker Arnold Palacios swings on a pitch by Rep. Ramon Tebuteb.

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KSPN2 news director Bob Coldeen served as emcee of the 2008 CNMI Junior League District Tournament opening ceremony.

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Maxi Braig swept all three races in the 10-and-under division of the 2008 Kids XTEARRA season after topping last Sunday's race with a time of 13:40.

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Cole Chambers won his first race in the 8-and-under division of the 2008 Kids XTEARRA after completing the course in 9:45.

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Oceania Athletics Association executive secretary Yvonne Mullins, left, and Tahiti representative Titaua Juventin arrived on Saipan Friday to help in Saipan's hosting of the 2008 Oceania Championships set for June 26-28.

Pennant champions Kiss My Pass players pose as the playoffs of the 2008 Miller Lite 4-Person Beach Volleyball League kicked off Thursday at the Pacific Islands Club sand courts.

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From left, Krystal SaipanCell Hustlers players Ryan Sanciangco, Senen Pangilinan, Jerry Soriano, Rowell Mariano, Joey Lucido, and Erwin Gomez pose with SaipanCell Communication's James Lee on stage after receiving their championship trophies during the 2008 Winter/Spring Budweiser SBA Open 8-Ball League awards banquet held last Sunday at Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan swimmers and officials are up on the stage at the end of their first-year anniversary celebration last June 7 at Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club.

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Lakers take a break after their colossal collapse

A day after the Lakers' colossal collapse in Game 4 of the NBA finals, coach Phil Jackson canceled practice. **25**

15 of Fame crowned champs

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The 2008 Miller Lite 4-Person Beach Volleyball League concluded Thursday night with 15 of Fame beating Kiss My Pass in the finals at the Pacific Islands Club sand courts.

15 of Fame didn't have much trouble taking out the regular season champions, as the team of Bruce Berline, Nicole LeBlanc, Nick Swaim, Michael Ray, Shequita Bennett, Travis Weaver, and captain Dan Westphal beat them black and blue, 15-5.

It was a heartbreaking loss for Kiss My Pass after the team won the pennant following a regular season that saw it compile a 13-1 win-loss record, its only setback exacted by pennant runner-up Fatingali last May 13.

Captain Ken Tanzawa, Apple Samson, Charles Johnson, Amanda Puleo, J.R. Gechig, Allan Webber, and Ed Cho make up Kiss My Pass.

Eight teams originally duked out in the one-night playoffs of the 2008 Miller Lite 4-Person Beach Volleyball League.

Kiss My Pass, which was seeded No. 1, was the first to advance after it handily defeated No. 8 Herbalizers, 15-5.

No. 4 Angan followed them to the second round about 20 minutes later when it ousted No. 5 Tsunami, 15-9.

That arranged a semifinal duel between Kiss My Pass and Angan with the former showing its championship form with a 15-9 win to advance to the championship round.

In the bottom half of the draw, No. 3 15 of Fame advanced to the second round when it whipped MHS Peers, showing no mercy in a 15-4 victory.

Second seed Fatingali, meanwhile, had to extricate itself from a tight game before over-

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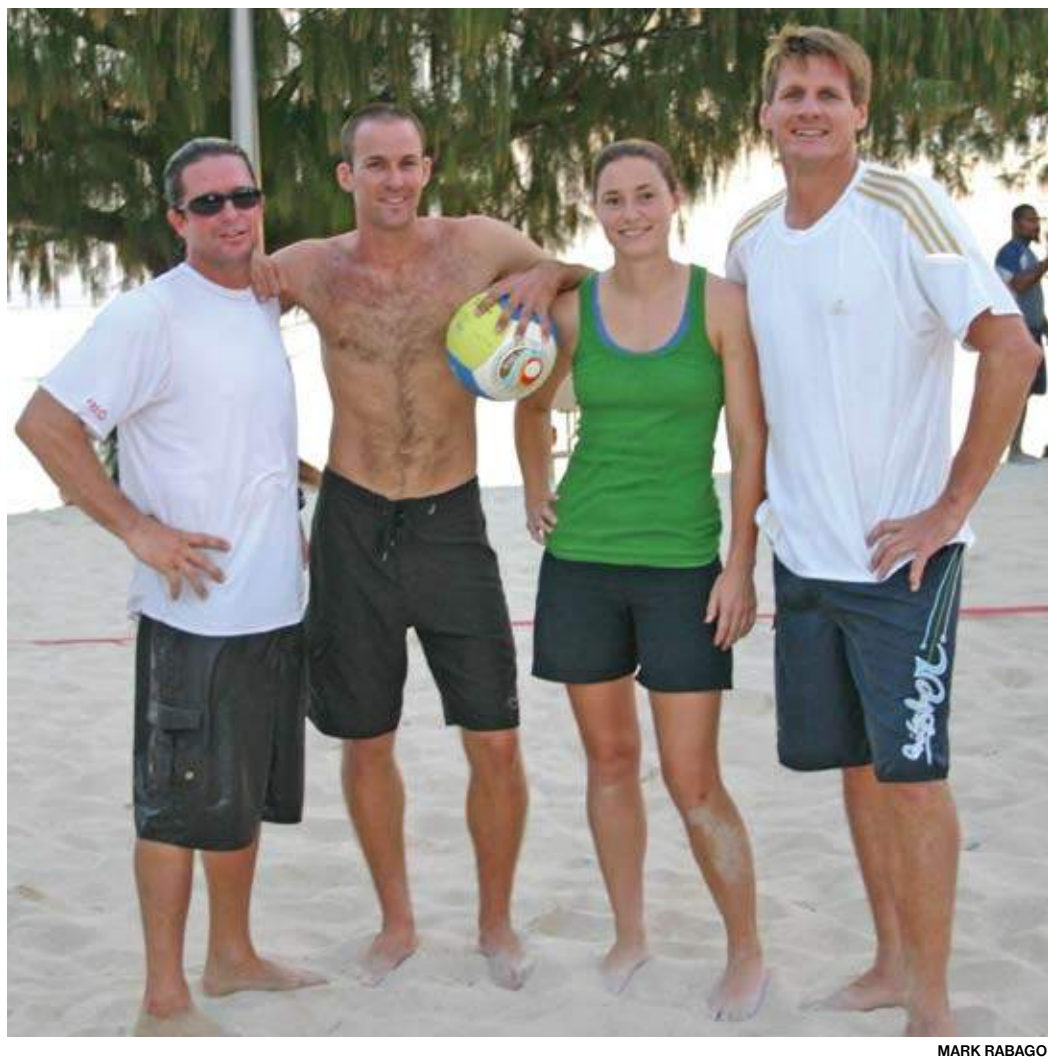

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Dan Westphal, Nick Swaim, Nicole LeBlanc, and Bruce Berline of 15 of Fame won the championship of the 2008 Miller Lite 4-Person Beach Volleyball League Thursday night after beating Kiss My Pass in the finals at the Pacific Islands Club sand courts.

NMIVA scraps summer indoor V-ball, lines up coaches clinic

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The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association has scrapped its planned 2008 Summer Indoor Volleyball League originally set for June 23.

NMIVA president Laurie Peterka said the cancellation was due to scheduling complications and lack of committee participation.

Peterka

"My deepest apologies, but it is impossible to run an entire organization without cooperative support. The board would love to see new people step up, volunteer, and takeover to help make continuing our events possible. Thank you for your understanding," she said in an email the *Saipan Tribune*.

While Peterka was sad to have cancelled the 2008 Summer Indoor Volleyball League, she told her members and the island's volleyball aficionados to get ready for the 2008 Winter Indoor League set for November.

She was also happy to report that NMIVA will be having a coaches clinic run by the world's volleyball governing body, Federation Internationale de Volleyball, in August.

"This will be the premier event of this year! A crowning moment for NMIVA—we were graciously selected to participate in an FIVB underprivileged countries program. The Volleyball Cooperation Programme is part of Volleyball World Vision 2012," she said.

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Elite athletes to take part in 2008 Oceania Grand Prix

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Two days before the start of the 2008 Oceania Championships, the CNMI will play host to the 2008 Oceania Grand Prix.

According to the Oceania Athletics Association website, the Oceania Grand Prix squad of 41 athletes, representing 12 member federations of Oceania Athletics, will go up against athletes from all of the 21 federations who will this year be competing at the Oceania Championships.

Athletes to look out for at the Grand Prix include Tonga's Ana Po'uhila who has been in tremendous form in the shot put over the past months.

Po'uhila now has a number of "B" qualifying standards going into the Grand Prix Series and Oceania Championships.

And after a sensational 2006 Pacific Games, Samoa's Aunese Curreen will be hoping to keep Samoa on the winner's podium in the middle distance events.

Koime

Papua New Guinea star sprinter Mae Koime will also hope to be back to her best on Saipan after an injury-related hiatus, but she'll be pushed all of the way by her teammate Toea Wisil.

The rest of the 2008 Grand Prix Team are Cook Islands' Harmon Harmon, Samantha Lockington, and Teriappi Tapok, Fiji's Isoa Me, Mereula Saloti, Makelesi Tumalevu, Eugene Volmer, Iowane Dovumatua, Niko Verakauta, and Isireli Naikelkelivesi, Federated States of Micronesia's Jack Howard,

Po'uhila

Guam's Genie Gierardo, Kiribati's Rabangaki Nawai and Buraieta Yeeting, New Caledonia's Frederic Erin and Sigato David Kilama, Nauru's J.J. Capelle, Rosa-Mystique Jone, and A-One Tannang, Papua New Guinea's Betty Burua, Wala Gime, Sharon Henry, Sandy Katusele, Mong Tavol, Salome Dell, and Kevin Kaptamana, Tahiti's Teiva Izal, Tu-

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Netters leave for NPQ this morning

Arriola

Buenaventura

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Fifteen of the CNMI's top junior netters leave for Guam today to see action in the 2008 North Pacific Qualifier set to start tomorrow in the U.S. territory.

CNMI National Tennis coach Jeff Race said their team increased by one after the Oceania Tennis Federation requested Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association to bring in one more player for the event.

Lucas Nutting thus joins Rafael Jones, Christian Miller, Jake Lee, and Daniel Camacho in the boys' 13-and-under competition.

Other local bets seeing action in Guam this week are Russell Buenaventura, James Camacho, Benjie Decena, and

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